

# WING LUKE MUSEUM

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## **Wing Luke Museum Announces “All-Star” Co-Chairs For Annual Gala & Auction**

**SEATTLE, WA – January 31, 2024** – The Wing Luke Museum announced an “All-Star” cast of co-chairs for its Annual Gala & Auction. Each co-chair has strong ties to the Chinatown International District, making the event theme, “Coming Home” all the more significant. The Gala & Auction is on March 23, 2024 at the extravagant Sheraton Grand Seattle Hotel. Early bird registration for the event opened Jan. 17 at [www.wingluke.org/auction](http://www.wingluke.org/auction).

The event co-chairs are: community activist, James Beard Award semifinalist and co-owner of Hood Famous Bakeshop, Café + Bar, Chera Amlag; *New York Times* best seller, Jamie Ford, author of *Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, and Shannon Lee, writer, producer and chairperson of the Bruce Lee Foundation and daughter of one of the neighborhood’s most famous sons, Bruce Lee.

With a \$700,000 goal, the co-chairs believe that, coming out of the pandemic, the community is ready to come out and support the Museum.

“We are honored and excited to be part of making this our most successful fundraiser ever,” Amlag, Ford and Lee said in a joint statement. “The Museum is the community’s cherished keeper of culture and heritage, qualities we know our community is eager to support. The “Coming Home” theme is appropriate because we need our people to join us and support an institution that champions artists and creative voices, while telling stories that no one else tells. Supporting the Museum ensures that it can continue to do its work for the next generation.”

This year’s fundraiser features an incredible array of items, including art generously donated from some of the region’s most talented artists such as Agnes Lee, Roger Shimomura and Lolan Lo Cheng; a weeklong Writer’s Retreat in Bordeaux with Jamie Ford; MVP Gold Status airline tickets; a stunning green tourmaline pendant from Ben Bridge Jeweler, and much more.

Proceeds from the Gala & Auction support the Wing Luke Museum’s exhibits and educational programs and ensures that we continue to support and nurture AANHPI artists and creative voices. To register, visit [www.wingluke.org/auction](http://www.wingluke.org/auction).

### **About the Wing Luke Museum**

The Wing Luke Museum’s mission is to connect everyone to the rich history, dynamic cultures and art of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders through vivid storytelling and inspiring experiences to advance racial and social equity. As a Smithsonian Affiliate, National Park Service Affiliated Area, and the only pan-Asian American museum in the nation,

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The Wing Luke Museum is a national treasure, preserving and sharing the personal stories of the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities. [www.wingluke.org](http://www.wingluke.org).