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**Wing Luke Museum Announces Partnership with AARP**

*Organizations are aligned with deep roots in the AANHPI community*

*and preservation of history, culture, and heritage*

**SEATTLE, WA – Oct. 18, 2023 –** The Wing Luke Museum and AARP, the largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering Americans 50 and older, announced a partnership that creates new opportunities to develop resources and services for the AANHPI community, particularly its elder population.

Census data shows that the AANHPI community is the fastest growing in the U.S. and in Washington state. That data also shows that the state’s population 65 and older, which includes the AANHPI demographic, has increased by 63%, creating an increased need for programming focused on elder issues.

Each organization shares a mutual commitment to racial and social equity for the AANHPI community and preserving the community’s stories, culture, history, and wellness. A growing demographic of elders drives opportunities to collaborate around health and wellness, aging, advocacy, and educational programming, among others.

“AARP Washington is proud to join forces with Wing Luke Museum in their mission to showcase a unique mix of community-driven installations that explore the contributions and diverse cultures of our AANHPI communities,” said Marguerite Ro, AARP Washington State Director. “These explorations of art and culture highlight the diverse voices that helped shape the Pacific Northwest. Through our collaboration, we hope to foster the respect and understanding of varied perspectives and experiences and encourage discussions that examine our society’s struggle with racial and social equity.”

“The AANHPI community now makes up 10% of Washington State’s population,” said Joël Barraquiel Tan, Wing Luke Museum’s executive director. “Forward-thinking organizations embrace this change and seize opportunities to create relevant programming to serve this

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community’s evolving needs. This partnership offers exciting potential to create innovative and unique programming for our respective members. The sky is the limit for the meaningful collaboration we can do together.”

The two organizations are working on future Museum programming. They are recognizing

October as Filipino History Month, and November as National Family Caregivers Month. AARP will attend the Wing Luke Museum’s Oct. 28 Filipino American National Historical Society oral history event, and they are serving on the Museum’s Community Activation Committee to develop an upcoming exhibit focused on elders and aging, opening in spring of 2024.

**About AARP**
AARP is the nation’s largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering people 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With a nationwide presence and nearly 38 million members, AARP strengthens communities and advocates for what matters most to families: health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. AARP also produces the nation’s largest circulation publications: AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin. To learn more, visit [www.aarp.org](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.aarp.org%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cdalarcon%40aarp.org%7C5550a651b8df40691d4908dac1ef8f80%7Ca395e38b4b754e4493499a37de460a33%7C0%7C0%7C638035531883949284%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2B4ZM4iD8nmkGp1dJWnB6U%2F3Jo46APLIQ5SyXDSEV7LU%3D&reserved=0), [www.aarp.org/espanol](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.aarp.org%2Fespanol&data=05%7C01%7Cdalarcon%40aarp.org%7C5550a651b8df40691d4908dac1ef8f80%7Ca395e38b4b754e4493499a37de460a33%7C0%7C0%7C638035531883949284%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=rUjw2Hgfhd%2Fq3VQQkEqaLFENgAqn9Pjo2W0D19VNcWU%3D&reserved=0) or follow @AARP, @AARPenEspanol and @AARPadvocates, @AliadosAdelante on social media.

**About 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, 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)

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