



Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation

*El Presidio de Santa Bárbara SHP • Casa de la Guerra
Santa Inés Mission Mills • Jimmy's Oriental Gardens*

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Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation presents

Seventh Annual Asian American Film Series

Fridays, July 8th, 15th and 22th at 7:00 p.m.

TICKETS: Free for SBTHP members, \$5 suggested donation for non-members

INFORMATION: (805) 965-0093 or visit www.sbthp.org

(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) is pleased to present the seventh annual Asian American Film Series, a three-part event held on Fridays in July. Pre-film box dinners available starting at 6:00 p.m. each night. All films will begin at 7:00 pm in the Alhecama Theatre (914 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara). Receptions follow each film.

During the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries the area in and around the Santa Barbara Presidio included communities of Chinese and Japanese, residing in what was a unique and culturally rich neighborhood. The Asian American Film Series at the Alhecama Theatre includes films with themes common to the experience of these communities in the effort to connect a modern audience with the history of the Asian American experience in Santa Barbara.



Friday, July 8: *Chinese Couplets* (2015, 57 min), Alhecama Theatre
Part memoir, part history, part investigation, this film spans two centuries, three countries, and four generations of women in this intimate story that reveals the impact of America's Chinese Exclusion Acts on filmmaker Felicia Lowe's family.

Q&A with director, write, and producer Felicia Lowe.

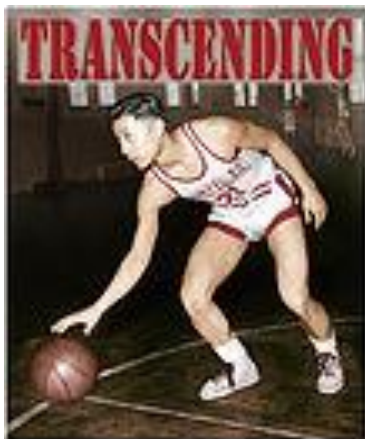
Pre-film box meal from Madam Lu Chinese Restaurant will be available for \$10 starting at 6pm. Call SBTHP (965-0093) or email (education@sbthp.org) to reserve a box. Please specify your choice of Chicken Chow Mein or Vegetable Chow Mein.



Friday, July 15: *Documented* (2013, 89 min), Alhecama Theatre
In 2011, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jose Antonio Vargas outed himself as an undocumented immigrant in the New York Times Magazine. This film chronicles his journey to America from the Philippines as a child, his public struggle as an immigration reform activist/provocateur, and his journey inward as he reconnects with his mother, who he hasn't seen in 20 years.

Special panel discussion after screening

Pre-film box meal from L&L Hawaiian Barbecue will be available for \$10 starting at 6pm. Call SBTHP (965-0093) or email (education@sbthp.org) to reserve a box.



Friday, July 22: *Transcending: The Wat Misaka Story* (2010, 50 min), Alhecama Theatre
A Nisei born and raised in Utah, Wat Misaka was the first person of color to be drafted by a professional basketball team. Through press footage and interviews with Misaka, his teammates, and Japanese American friends, this documentary follows his career during the WWII era

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ABOUT Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP)— For over fifty years the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) has worked to *protect, preserve, restore, reconstruct, and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County*. Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase and other concerned community leaders, SBTHP operates El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park—Santa Barbara’s 18th century birthplace—under a unique agreement with California State Parks. The State has purchased the building that housed Jimmy’s Oriental Gardens, providing an opportunity to interpret the history of Santa Barbara’s Asian American community in the Presidio Neighborhood. SBTHP owns and operates Casa de la Guerra, the 1820s home of Presidio *Comandante* José de la Guerra and his family—the restored home is now a museum featuring original furnishings and rotating exhibits. In 2009, SBTHP signed an agreement with State Parks to manage and develop the Santa Inés Mission Mills, located near the town of Solvang, as a future California State Park. In 2011, SBTHP was awarded the Trustees’ Emeritus Award for Excellence in the Stewardship of Historic Sites by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. With the help of continuing education programs and exhibits, SBTHP strives to encourage community involvement and foster an appreciation for Santa Barbara County’s distinctive history. **Learn more at www.sbthp.org.**