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Rabbit artwork by Michelle Kumata

#### WHAT IS LUNAR NEW YEAR?

The Chinese zodiac as well as variations in other Asian countries, are represented by 12 animals. According to legend, the Jade Emperor invited the animals of his kingdom to enter a race through the countryside including a wide river at the end. The first 12 to finish the long race would each rule over one year in a 12-year cyclical lunar calendar.

This 2023 Lunar New Year is on January 22nd. It is the **Year of the Rabbit** in the Chinese Zodiac and the **Year of the Cat** in the Vietnamese Zodiac.

#### ARE YOU A RABBIT?

Rabbit years: 1915, 1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011, 2023

People born in the Year of the Rabbit are sweet, empathetic and compassionate friends. Gentle and attentive but also strong in their convictions, rabbits are responsible and great at setting goals for themselves. Their quiet confidence and eye for detail make them fantastic scholars and artists.

Famous Rabbits include: Albert Einstein, Whitney Houston, Michael Jordan, Jet Li, Charlize Theron, Kendrick Lamar, and Lil Nas X

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Lunar New Year Fair

**Saturday, January 28, 10AM-3PM**

Wing Luke Museum invites you to celebrate the Year of the Rabbit! Join us for an exciting day of Lunar New Year festivities at the museum including a morning lion dance performance by LQ Lion Dance and an afternoon indoor craft fair full of fun family activities and programs.

Info and schedule available at  
[www.wingluke.org/LNY](http://www.wingluke.org/LNY)

### Lunar New Year Exhibit: New Year Food Traditions

A brand new exhibit in our KidPLACE Gallery invites you to explore the many different food traditions observed by families during the new year. See how different cultures celebrate and come together during this time of year!

#### Want to be a part of this exhibit?

Food traditions are an essential part of New Year celebrations for many families. We are compiling stories and photos of family food traditions to feature in the KidPLACE 2023 New Years exhibit. Tell us about the food you traditionally eat, where the tradition comes from and any funny story or favorite New Year food memory!

If you have a family food story you'd like to share, send it via email to [exhibits@wingluke.org](mailto:exhibits@wingluke.org) before **January 23, 2023**.

### Lunar New Year Tours

Learn more about the Lunar New Year by joining our Education team on a tour. The holiday comes alive through exploration, storytelling, and the sharing of traditions that we all love. Book one of our special tours for your class or youth group by emailing our tours department. Please book your experience with at least 2 weeks advance notice as tours fill up with the new year quickly.

Email inquiries and booking requests to  
[tours@wingluke.org](mailto:tours@wingluke.org)

#### GUIDED GALLERY TOUR

Our new exhibit in our KidsPlace Gallery celebrates foods, flavors and family gatherings in New Years All Year Round. Have you ever wondered why there are lion dances during the Holiday? What do the lions eat while they perform? Students will be invited to get into the holiday spirit by hearing stories surrounding the lion dance, foods and flavors and making a New Year decoration to welcome in good luck for the upcoming year.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD WALKING TOUR

Organize a memorable field trip for your students that will have them talking about year after year as welcome the Year of the Rabbit this Lunar New Year for 2023! Let us lead your students on an exploration through Seattle's Chinatown International District to learn more about the celebrations and traditions that take place in our community for this special time of year.

## RETURN THIS COLORING SHEET FOR DISPLAY AT WING LUKE MUSEUM AND DISCOUNTED ADMISSION

This coloring sheet may be redeemed at Wing Luke Museum for **FREE Youth Admission (ages 12 and under)** and **50% off TWO accompanying Adult or Senior Admissions**. This promotion is one-time use and must be used at the time of redemption and is not eligible for advance ticketing. Must be redeemed on-site. Adults and accompanying Youths must both be present at time of redemption. This promotion has no monetary value and is non-transferrable.

Valid **JANUARY 29** through **MAY 31, 2023**

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