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## **INTERRACIAL FAMILY FESTIVAL HOSTS LARGEST WEST COAST LOVING DAY CELEBRATION**

(Los Angeles, CA) The *Mixed Remixed Festival*, a family festival, hosts the largest West Coast Loving Day celebration at the *Japanese American National Museum* in downtown Los Angeles (100 N. Central Avenue), June 14, 2014.

The Festival celebrates stories of the Mixed experience and multiracial Americans, the fastest growing demographic in the U.S. A free public event, the Festival brings together film and book lovers, innovative and emerging artists, and multiracial and multicultural families and individuals for workshops, readings, performances, and film screenings.

The Festival, a fiscally sponsored project of *Fractured Atlas*, a non-profit arts service organization, is produced by the *New York Times* best-selling writer, Heidi Durrow, and talented team of volunteers.

The event is free and open to the public. The complete Festival schedule can be found online at [www.mixedremixed.org](http://www.mixedremixed.org).

### **FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

- The Festival hosts the largest West Coast **Loving Day celebration**, Saturday, June 14, 2014, at 6:30pm with the annual *Storyteller's Prize* presentation and live show. The Festival will present the *Storyteller's Prize to Comedy Central's* hit comedic duo Key & Peele, award-winning writer Susan Straight, and Cheerios' marketing team as part of a dynamic live show featuring comedians, musicians and spoken-word poets. This program is currently reserved at-capacity, but any open seats near showtime will be offered to individuals on the waitlist.

- Families can enjoy interactive craft activities all day as part of the *Target Free Family Day*; and storytelling time with Sebastian Jones co-author with actress Garcelle Beauvais of the children's book *I Am Mixed*; and a writing workshop for kids with Lora Nakamura, author of *Bonsai Babes*.
- KPCC, Southern California's largest public radio station, will produce a special panel called #Multicultivate moderated by KPCC's Josie Huang.
- The Festival will present two award-winning feature films including *Sleeping with the Fishes* (dir. Nicole Gomez Fisher), Winner of the Best New Director Award at the Brooklyn Film Festival. *Closure* (dir. Bryan Tucker), a feature documentary about a transracial adoptee's search for her biological parents will be followed by a panel discussion with the filmmaker and transracial adoptees and activists. The Festival is also pleased to present a program of several ground-breaking short films.
- The Festival includes author readings by Krista Bremer, the author of the hit memoir *My Accidental Jihad* (Algonquin Books) about her bicultural marriage; and Crystal Chan author of *Bird* and Chris Terry author of *Zero Fade*, and many others. *Skylight Books* is the Festival's official bookseller.
- Acting and writing workshops will be led by published authors and professional actors. Award-winning poet Aaron Samuels author of the prize-winning *Yarmulkes & Fitted Caps* will present a poetry-writing workshop; celebrated voice-over artist and acting professor Rayme Cornell will lead a voice-over class; and Khanisha Foster will offer a Performer's Bootcamp. A complete list of workshops appears on the Festival website.
- More than a dozen esteemed panelists will speak on diverse topics related to the Mixed experience: Panelists include: scholar Marcia Dawkins, activist/filmmaker Thomas Lopez, and *You Tube*'s Channing Sargent.

Festival sponsors include: *Cheerios* (Silver Sponsor), *Japanese American National Museum* ([www.janm.org](http://www.janm.org)), *Zerflin.com*, *Pitfire Artisan Pizza*, *Miss Jessie's*, and *Poets & Writers* through a grant from the *James Irvine Foundation*.

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