

An Affair to Remember 2022 — Thursday April 28, 2022

San Francisco Palace of Fine Arts

Celebrating Scholar Achievements in Science



Nestled between the verdant grounds of the San Francisco Presidio and the sparkling waters of San Francisco Bay, the Palace of Fine Arts is one of the markers of San Francisco history. For 9 months in 1915 the **Panama–Pacific International Exposition**, a world's fair held in San Francisco, covered 636 acres attracting 18,876,438. Daily ticket price was 50 cents. Organized to commemorate the completion of the Panama Canal and the 400th anniversary of Balboa's discovery of the Pacific Ocean, the Exposition also came to commemorate the rebirth of San Francisco after the catastrophic earthquake of April 1906.

Rebuilt in 1967, the Palace of Fine Arts is the only remaining in-situ vestige of that event. Designed by Bernard Maybeck with massive, beautiful female sculptural forms designed by Robert Stackpole, including figures of "Thought" on the columns flanking the half domes, the Palace of Fine Arts was originally built to house the exhibition's paintings and sculptures. This neo-classic building also housed jeeps during WWII and more recently the Exploratorium, an interactive science museum, which for 44 years introduced people of all ages to participatory science exhibit activities. The Exploratorium was founded by Frank Oppenheimer, particle physicist (Caltech PhD and brother of J. Robert Oppenheimer) who was also an educator and professor of physics at University of Colorado. In creating the Exploratorium, Oppenheimer was interested in providing a hands-on learning environment through educational programs and the use of interactive exhibits to make science education accessible to the general population and to inspire people to learn about science*.

**We invite you to join us on April 28, 2022 and learn about the
2021-22 ARCS NCC Scholars' science research and advances as we celebrate
their Scholar Achievements in Science.**

*Interested in learning more?: <https://www.nps.gov/goga/learn/historyculture/ppie-palaces.htm>

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