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AMOCA RECEIVES 1.2 MILLION IN MULTI-YEAR GRANT FROM PERENCHIO FOUNDATION



(Pomona, California–August 18, 2026) AMOCA today announces its selection by the Perenchio Foundation for a multi-year General Operating Support Grant. The generous grant, in the amount of \$1.2 million, distributed over three years, affirms AMOCA’s place as an essential cultural institution in Los Angeles County.

AMOCA’s Executive Director Beth Ann Gertstein shares, “This landmark grant allows us to focus on the museum’s core mission — to champion the art, history, creation, and technology of ceramics through exhibitions, collections, outreach, and studio programming — and to thoughtfully build the infrastructure to continue carrying it forward. Such extraordinary support is a true vote of confidence in the power of ceramic art and its place in our community.”

This multiyear unrestricted grant will support all aspects of the museum, including exhibitions, educational programming, collections, staffing, and more. AMOCA will set aside a substantial portion of this grant to strengthen the organization's long-term financial health by building reserves and ensuring a robust future.

According to Perenchio Foundation CEO Stephania Ramirez, “Permanence in the arts is not an accident. It is the result of organizations that have built real governance, real financial discipline, and real community trust — over years, sometimes decades — often without the kind of sustained investment that would make any of it easier. What we are investing in is not a program or a season. It is the infrastructure behind the work — the staffing, the systems, the reserves that allow an organization to absorb a hard year without losing what took twenty years to build. That is what multi-year unrestricted support makes possible, and it is the only kind of investment the Foundation believes is worth making.”

Established by the late A. Jerrold 'Jerry' Perenchio, the Perenchio Foundation believes the arts are essential to how communities see themselves, sustain themselves, and grow. The Foundation is committed to creating lasting impact in Los Angeles by investing in arts organizations that embody quality, accessibility, and permanence.

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About AMOCA

The American Museum of Ceramic Art was founded in 2003 in Pomona, California. The mission of the museum is to champion the art, history, creation, and technology of ceramics through exhibitions, collections, outreach, and studio programming.

Museum Hours

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 11 am – 4 pm

Admission

General \$14, Senior \$9, Student/Pomona Resident \$7, Members & under 12 Free
Pay-what-you-can First Fridays are the first Friday of each month.

Location

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