

Historic Wintersburg joins the team at
Heritage Museum of Orange County



August 19 - September 30
Look for us in the Quilters' Cottage!
FREE Outdoor Film Screening: Saturday,
September 9
Bring your picnic blanket and meet the
stars under the stars!

HOW SPORTS
SHAPE AMERICA

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“HOMETOWN TEAMS: HOW SPORTS SHAPE AMERICA” OPENS AUGUST 19**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

(Huntington Beach, California. August 14, 2017) – Historic Wintersburg joins the team for the traveling Smithsonian Institution exhibit, “Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America”, for a limited six-week engagement, August 19 through September 30, 2017, at the Heritage Museum of Orange County, in Santa Ana, California.

Historic Wintersburg’s exhibit in the Museum’s Carriage House for Hometown Teams will share history of early 20th Century Japanese American sports teams of Orange County. The exhibit includes images and sports news, in the words of the Nisei (second generation Japanese American) and clips from the Santa Ana Register. Among the teams featured are the Orange Groves, a baseball team that practiced across the road from the Wintersburg Japanese Mission in the 1920s.

Bring your picnic blanket and meet the stars under the stars! An outdoor “picnic blanket” family movie night will be hosted by Historic Wintersburg and Heritage Museum, 6

pm, Saturday, September 9, near the historic Maag farmhouse. There will be theater concessions and some surprise gifts for movie-goers. Admission is free for this family film night under the stars!

The double-header includes “Day of Independence” with Academy Award®-winning director-actor Chris Tashima (“Visas and Virtue”, “Lil Tokyo Reporter”, “Under the Blood Red Sun”, the upcoming “Go For Broke”) and actor Derek Mio (“Greek”, “House M.D.”, “CSI”, “Bones”, “NCIS: LA”, and “The Good Wife”). Mio is an alumnus of Huntington Beach High School and played baseball with Ocean View Little League in Huntington Beach.

“Day of Independence”—nominated for a regional Emmy in 2005—explores the sacrifices and triumphs of those who endured World War II confinement through courage and the all-American game of baseball. The screening of this award-winning short film will be joined by stars Chris Tashima and Derek Mio for the film’s introduction and discussion with the audience.

Following “Day of Independence” is the feature-length cult classic, “The Sandlot”. Set in the summer of 1962, “The Sandlot” is a coming-of-age story of a group of young baseball players in California’s San Fernando Valley. The film—with James Earl Jones—includes the trials, tribulations and comedy of summer in the suburbs, including “the Beast”, the legendary dog beyond the wall next to the sandlot. In an iconic scene, the team unknowingly plays with a ball signed by “the Great Bambino”, Babe Ruth.

Hometown sports are more than just sports. They shape our lives, help us survive uncertain times, bring us joy, and unite us as a community with shared experiences. Join Historic Wintersburg at the Heritage Museum of Orange County as we explore the history and importance of sports in American life.

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Hometown Teams is part of “Museum on Main Street”, collaboration between Smithsonian Institution and Exhibit Envoy. Support for “Museum on Main Street” has been provided by the United States Congress. This is the second Smithsonian Institution exhibit joined by Historic Wintersburg, who joined “Journey Stories” at Heritage Museum of Orange County in 2014.

In February 2017, the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C. opened an exhibit on the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066, which mandated the forced removal and incarceration of the West Coast’s Japanese Americans. Among the items displayed was the “Go For Broke” 442nd Regimental Combat Team uniform of Kazuo Masuda, a Huntington Beach High School alumnus, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, and congregant of the Wintersburg Japanese Mission at Historic Wintersburg.

**More information about Historic Wintersburg can be found at www.HistoricWintersburg.blogspot.com
Wikipedia: Historic Wintersburg in Huntington Beach, California**