

Athenaeum Music & Arts Library

Art Education Outreach Program: Made in California

California History Timeline:

20,000-15,000 bce	First migrations; Humans cross the Bering Strait from Asia and settle in California. At the time of the Spanish exploration there were as many as 300 different indigenous tribal groups in the state.
1542 ce	Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, Spanish conquistador, lands in San Diego Bay; First European exploration of the West coast.
1769	California is settled by Spain. Franciscan monk Junipero Serra founds the Mission San Diego de Alcala
1781	Los Angeles is founded by 11 families of European, Native American and African heritages.
1822-1848	California under Mexican rule
1847	Yerba Buena becomes San Francisco
1848	Gold rush begins after John Sutter's discovery in Coloma
1850	California becomes the 31 st state of the Union
1869	Rail service connects the East to California
1899	Library Association of La Jolla, now Athenaeum, is founded
1906	Great earthquake and fire in San Francisco leaves 300,000 homeless
1910	First motion picture is shoot in Hollywood: "Old California"
1915	Panama Canal opens facilitating easy passage to the West Coast
1916	Panama-California Exposition; Balboa Park is established
1927	The "Spirit of San Louis" is built in San Diego
1962	California becomes the most populous state; today has over 32 Mil
1963	The Beach Boys release their best-selling album "Surfin' USA"
1966	Ronald Regan becomes Governor of California
1977	First personal computer Apple II is taken to market in Silicon Valley
2003	Arnold Schwarzenegger becomes Governor