



WARRIOR WOMEN EXHIBIT

Permanent Exhibit 2026
The Martial Arts History Museum
Glendale, California

*"This is not a moment.
This is a turning point.
This turning point is beyond
cultural impact, community
reach and prestige."*

Who Are We?



The Martial Arts History Museum opened in 1999 in Glendale, California by President Michael Matsuda. Matsuda's diverse background in media, design and finance set the stage for what is now an internationally lauded institution, which celebrates cultural diversity and history of the martial arts. With approximately 25,000 annual visitors and a 1400% increase in overall memberships, the museum has seen a 1000% increase in gross sales and 100% increase in donations, year over year.

Dr. Kumu Michelle Manu, JD, MMsc, PhD is a 10th degree black belt and a master teacher. She is an architect and guardian of the living and evolving sacred tradition of Lua, the only indigenous warrior art of the Hawaiian people.

Beyond her martial arts and academic achievements, Manu is a lifelong, elite athlete and former touring Polynesian dancer. She is also a fight actress, hostess, producer, director, and cultural consultant in film.

She utilizes traditional digital media to share and preserve Hawaiian culture, warrior traditions, and bring awareness of who women warriors were in ancient times and today.



Who Are We?

We Are

- * Martial artists, historians, scholars, and cultural stewards
- * Women and allies deeply rooted in lived warrior, martial, military, sports experience
- * Educators committed to truth, lineage, and integrity
- * Builders of bridges between tradition and modern visibility

Why We're Doing This:

- * Because history was incomplete
- * Because women warriors trained and lived without recognition
- * Because future generations deserve accuracy—not omission
- * Because mastery does not have a gender



Our Commitment:

- * Scholarly integrity
- * Cultural respect
- * Permanent educational value
- * Honoring warriors—not trends

The Vision

"Stand on the right side of history—while helping to write it in truth, strength and legacy. "

---Dr. Kumu Michelle Manu

The Vision



Warrior Women

She Drew the Sword:
Warrior Women
of History

The Female Warrior

The presence of women on the battlefields, whether as commanders, soldiers, or defenders, was more than just a military anecdote; it was a profound social and cultural phenomenon. In societies often defined by rigid gender roles, the image of the armed female warrior acted as a seismic force, momentarily yet fundamentally challenging the core assumptions of male dominance in war and leadership.




Throughout history, the image of the male warrior has been a dominant one, yet the annals of the ancient world are filled with the stories of women who defied gender norms and took up arms to defend their people, lead their armies, and fight for their beliefs.

From every country across the globe, these warrior women were not a myth but a powerful reality. Their courage and leadership left an indelible mark on history, challenging the traditional narrative and providing a richer, more complex picture of ancient societies.

AMAZON WOMEN WARRIORS

LEGENDARY ARMY of the ANCIENT WORLD



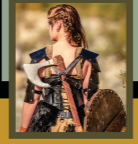
Mythic Origin and Historical Echo

The Amazons, often situated within Greek mythology, were said to be a matriarchal society of warrior women who lived apart from men, mastering the arts of combat, horsemanship, and archery. To the Greeks, they represented both fascination and fear — a mirror through which patriarchal culture glimpsed its own boundaries.

While the myths often framed Amazons as “others” to be conquered by male heroes (Hercules, Theseus, Achilles), archaeological discoveries across the Eurasian steppes — particularly Scythian burial sites containing armed female remains — evidence that such societies existed. These women were not myths alone but real leaders, hunters, and fighters who challenged the cultural assumption that warfare and leadership were exclusively masculine domains.

Archetype and Feminine Power

The warrior-protector archetype represents the sovereign warrior aspect of the feminine principle — autonomous, unbound by domestic or patriarchal expectation, and guided by an internal law of justice. The Amazon does not seek war for domination but fights for integrity, freedom, and balance - to protect.



In ceremonial or psychological terms, the Amazon archetype awakens the disciplined, strategic, and self-governing aspects of feminine consciousness — not in opposition to the masculine, but as its equal counterpart.

Social and Cultural Challenger

The enduring fascination with the Amazons is not simply about martial prowess; it reflects humanity's deep yearning for balance in gendered power systems. The Amazons stand as a challenge to patriarchal myth-making — their very existence proposes a world where female leadership and autonomy were natural, respected, and generative.

Their stories invite us to imagine societies not built upon domination, but upon relational strength, mutual respect, and shared guardianship of the world. Each retelling of their legend subtly reclaims suppressed narratives of women's leadership, courage, and contribution across time.

The Martial Arts History Museum is proud to be welcoming its newest permanent exhibit.

The Warrior Women Exhibit is the first of its kind, presented by

Curator Michelle Manu, Kumu Lua and 10th Degree Black Belt, a Champion for Women.

The exhibit honors the global legacy of women fighters, guardians and leaders across cultures. From ancient martial heroines to today's champions, the exhibit highlights strength, resilience and cultural heritage.

Who Are We?

Permanent recognition changes who history belongs to.

- * The Warrior Women Exhibit is the first permanent museum exhibition in the world dedicated exclusively to women warriors across martial arts, cultures, and eras.
- * For centuries, women warriors have been present, powerful, and decisive—yet systematically excluded, minimized, or erased from historical record.
- * This exhibit restores visibility, legitimacy, and lineage to women whose mastery shaped martial traditions globally.
- * When young ladies have the opportunity to embrace their own warrior ancestry, this life-changing experience can empower them individually and as a collective.

Why Warrior Women Only?

We cannot tell martial history truthfully without women at the center

Even today:

- * Women make up 30-40% of martial arts practitioners globally
- * Yet less than 10% of featured figures represent in martial arts museums, texts, and halls of fame

The Reality:

- * Women have trained, fought, taught, and led in martial traditions for thousands of years—yet rarely appear in formal histories.
- * Many martial systems actively restricted women's participation, rank or recognition.

Women warriors were often:

- * Labeled as myths
- * Absorbed into male narratives
- * Reduced to footnotes or side stories

Why Warrior Women Only?

Why a Separate Exhibit Is Necessary:

- * Integration alone has historically resulted in continued erasure
- * Dedicated space allows:
 - * Full storytelling
 - * Cultural context
 - * Lineage recognition
 - * Technical and philosophical depth
- * This exhibit does not exclude men—it completes the record



Who Are You?



Our team has identified a select group of individuals and organizations whom we feel share one or more values with us. You share a common vision with us for cultural preservation and a posture of eagerness to learn and share knowledge with others.

You share our belief that children must be endowed with a deep knowledge of their heritage and appreciation for art and culture.

Like us, you know that society can only thrive when our communities are nourished.

We believe you would make an ideal partner in this endeavor as well as our efforts to grow.



Why Should You Join Us?

- *Cultural Impact: Align with a first-of-its-kind permanent exhibit showcasing and celebrating women in martial history
- *Community Reach: Thousands of visitors, school field trips, media partnerships and social channels
- *Diversity & Empowerment: Celebrate women's leadership across cultures—a perfect fit for corporate DEI and community programs
- *Prestige: Position your company as a leader in supporting arts, heritage and women's empowerment
- *Enduring Legacy: This exhibit will outlive all of us.
- *Brand Recognition: Your name will stand within it—permanently.

Why Should You Join Us?

Unique Benefits:

- * Association with a museum-level correction of history
- * Long-term alignment with leadership, courage, and discipline
- * A story sponsors can tell internally and externally with pride
- * Participation in a living archive—not a static display

Sponsors join this movement that:

- * Shapes future generations by redefining who belongs in martial arts
- * Influences education—school tours, scholars, historians, practitioners
- * Activates intergenerational dialogue between elders, youth, and families
- * Creates global reference material for future museums and institutions
- * Sets precedent—others will follow this model

Why Should You Join Us?



This Exhibit Aligns Sponsors With:

- * Historical correction: Supporting truth, not trends.
- * Cultural leadership: Being early champions of a global first.
- * Values-driven impact: Courage, discipline, resilience, and mastery.
- * Legacy building: Sponsors become part of a permanent institution —not a one-time event.

For Corporate Sponsors

- * Demonstrates authentic commitment to gender equity without performative marketing
- * Aligns brand with strength, excellence, and cultural intelligence
- * Provides long-term visibility in a respected educational institution

For Individual Sponsors

- * Honors personal lineage, mentors, mothers, daughters, and teachers
- * Leaves a tangible legacy attached to a historic correction
- * Participation becomes part of museum history— not just philanthropy



Why Should You Join Us?

The bottom line:

This is sponsorship that stands the test of time.



Aligning your company with ours will set you apart as one of few companies that champions causes for women & girls.

Our community relationships will afford unique media opportunities for you, your board and affiliates.

How Sponsors Participate and Are Recognized

Legacy Sponsor – \$50,000+

- Title recognition as Presenting Sponsor of the Warrior Women Exhibit
- Prominent permanent name/logo placement
- Recognition in all exhibit materials, media, and events
- VIP invitations, private tours, and speaking acknowledgments
- Legacy association with the exhibit for the life of the installation

Presenting Sponsor – \$25,000+

- High-visibility name/logo placement within the exhibit
- Recognition in promotional and educational materials
- Invitations to exhibit launches and special events

Supporting Sponsor – \$10,000+

- Name recognition within exhibit sponsor wall
- Inclusion in museum acknowledgments and select materials
- Invitation to opening and community events

Community Sponsor – Valued at \$5,000+

- Recognition based on contribution value and relevance
- Inclusion on sponsor listings
- In-kind donation of services, materials, design, media, or logistics

Where Do We Sign?

Kindly reach out to the person who sent you this deck and we will discuss the terms of your involvement. We look forward to connecting. Mahalo!



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Warrior Women Exhibit – Sponsorship Commitment Martial Arts History Museum

If you would prefer to complete this form online, please visit our website here: michellemanu.com/mahm-sponsor/

Sponsor Name (Individual or Organization):	
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Sponsorship Level (Select One)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Legacy Sponsor – \$50,000+ <input type="checkbox"/> Presenting Sponsor – \$25,000+ <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Sponsor – \$10,000+ <input type="checkbox"/> Community Sponsor – Valued at \$5,000+	Description of In-Kind Contribution (equipment, media, catering, etc.): _____ _____ _____
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Email: mamuseum@gmail.com Phone: (818) 245-6051	Memo: Warrior Women Exhibit
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Authorization	
By signing below, I/we commit to sponsoring the Warrior Women Exhibit, the world's first permanent museum exhibition honoring women warriors.	
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Printed Name:	
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Thank you for standing with history, truth, and legacy.