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THE ORIENTAL INSTITUTE ANNUAL DINNER 1991



The Assyrian Universal Alliance Foundation officers and staff, standing from left to right: Honorable Homer Ashurian, Bailis Shamun, Helen J. Schwarten (President, A.U.A.F.), Professor Erica Reiner, Pauline Jassim, Sylvia Shamun, Senator John J. Nimrod. Seated from left to right: Suzy Ashurian, Hidoo Hidoo, Malcom L. Karam.



General view of the festivities.

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Joan Rosenberg, Kit Sumner, Director William M. Sumner, Mary Shea, Dietrich Gross.



Millicent Marshall, Charles Marshall (Chairman, The Visiting Committee to The Oriental Institute), and Mrs. Robert Reneker.



Dr. Henrietta Herbolsheimer, Mrs. Walter Paepcke, Albert Haas.



Leila Foster, Peggy Grant and Betty Baum.



Dr. Karen Farnsworth and Dr. Richard Miller.



Jeffrey and Barbara Short.



Janina and Ira Marks.



Barbara Rollhaus, Sally Zimmerman, McGuire Gibson, Philip Rollhaus.



Assistant Conservator Barbara Hamman, Assistant Preparator Mary Carlisle, Registrar Raymond D. Tindel, and Preparator Phil Petrie.



Mary Gray, Richard Gray, and Doris Holleb.

Join us for a
**WINTER WEEKEND AT
THE ORIENTAL INSTITUTE**

**Pioneering Egyptology: A Century of Progress
at The University of Chicago
November 1 - 3, 1991**

For more information contact Laura Gruen at the University of Chicago Alumni Association, 5757 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60637. Telephone 312/702-2160.

MEMBERS' SYMPOSIUM
**Literacy and Scribal Traditions in Egypt
and Mesopotamia**

Saturday, November 9, 1991
Breasted Hall
The Oriental Institute
1155 East 58th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60637

Symposium flyers will be sent out in September. For more information, call the Museum Education Office at 312/702-9507.

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All inquiries, comments, and suggestions are welcome.

**ANY TIME ACTIVITIES FOR
CHILDREN**

The Oriental Institute Museum Children's Adventure Sheets are gallery activities available any time the Museum is open. Bring your own pencil and select your adventure sheet from the display rack in the lobby. There is a charge of 10¢ for each sheet. Adventures include "Decorate your Mummy Case," "Lost Objects," "Find the Lost Animals," "Egyptian Crossword Puzzle," and "Assyrian Crossword Puzzle."

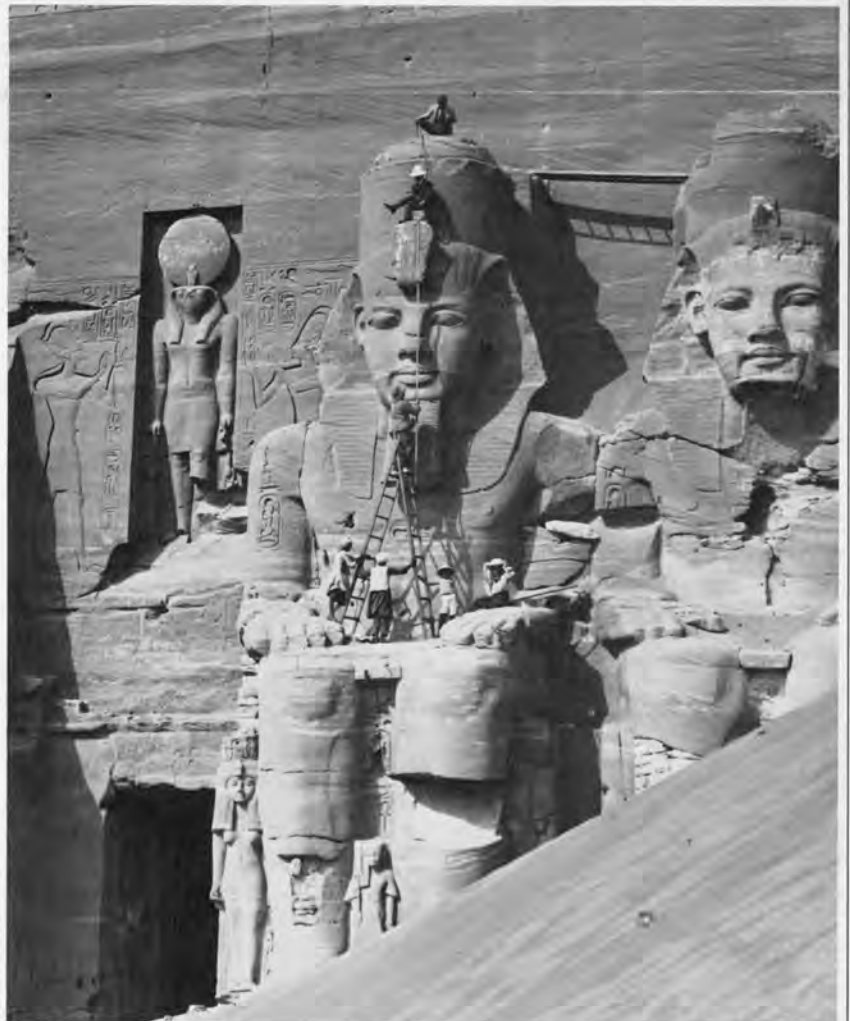
UPCOMING EXHIBIT

**SIFTING THE SANDS OF TIME:
The Oriental Institute and
the Ancient Near East**

October 6, 1991 - December 31, 1992

The Oriental Institute has been at the forefront of research and scholarship in ancient Near Eastern studies since its first expedition in 1919. "Sifting the Sands of Time" traces the history of The Oriental Institute at The University of Chicago, not only recounting past achievements but emphasizing current and future scholarly work.

The members of the first epigraphic survey of The University of Chicago measure the colossal statues on the facade of the temple of Rameses II at Abu Simbel (1905). Mrs. Breasted and her son Charles can be seen sitting on the lap of one of the royal figures.



SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS FOR CHILDREN

Children's Special Interest tours, *recommended for children ages 6-12*, are given Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in July and August. Each tour lasts approximately 30 minutes and will be followed by an optional pencil and paper gallery activity. Total program time is approximately one hour. *Please note that these tours are intended for individual children or family groups; they cannot accommodate larger groups from organized community centers. Larger groups must make arrangements on an individualized basis.* There is no fee and no reservations are needed. Meet in the Museum lobby. For further information, contact the Museum Education Office at 702-9507.

July 11 Pyramids and Mummies

We will see scale models of a mastaba and a pyramid to learn about the tombs of Egyptian pharaohs and discuss the mummies and funerary equipment to learn how Egyptians prepared the body for its "house of eternity."

July 18 Hieroglyphic Writing

The ancient Egyptians used hundreds of tiny pictures as symbols in their writing system. We will identify some of these hieroglyphs in the gallery and talk about this fascinating way of writing.

July 25 A Child's Life in Ancient Egypt

Children in ancient Egypt learned to write, played board games, kept pets, and generally shared the lives and activities of their parents, much as children do today. We will see the objects these children used long ago and view representations of some ancient Egyptian children and their parents.

August 1 King Tut and His Times

Tut-ankh-amun was only a youth when he ascended the throne of ancient Egypt. We will see a monumental statue of the king and a model of the kind of house he would have known as we learn about him and the country he ruled.

August 8 The Bull With Five Legs

We will talk about why the 40 ton bull from Iraq has five legs and a human head and how it was moved half way around the world to its present home in The Oriental Institute.

August 15 Egyptian Magic

Magical events, amulets and gods and goddesses often appear in the myths of ancient Egypt. We will look at magical amulets and figurines of gods as we hear some of the stories in which they play a part.

August 22 What an Archaeologist Does

Broken pots, ancient writings, old tools - all these objects, and more, may be discovered by archaeologists as they excavate a site. We will see these kinds of artifacts and talk about how they help archaeologists learn about the past.

August 29 Treasures and Wonders of the Past

Enormous statues, beautiful painted pots and objects made of gold are among the exciting finds that Oriental Institute archaeologists have made. We will view some treasures of the museum collection and hear how they were discovered.

SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS FOR ADULTS

Each Friday at 11:30 in July and August, a special tour will be offered to highlight a selected gallery or topic. Tours last approximately 45 minutes. There is no fee and no reservations are needed. Meet in the Museum lobby.

July 12 The World of the Pharaohs

Pyramids, mummies, the Book of the Dead, and a colossal statue of King Tut are among the many artifacts to be viewed as this tour discusses the ancient Egyptian people throughout 3000 years of history along the Nile. *Repeated on August 16.*

July 19 Treasures of The Oriental Institute Museum

This tour will highlight The Oriental Institute's important collections with choices of artifacts from the great civilizations of the ancient Near East. Objects from Egypt, Sumer, Babylon, Assyria, and Persia will be featured. *Repeated on August 23.*

July 26 Ancient Iraq: The Land of Sumerians, Babylonians and Assyrians

Throughout millennia of changing political rulers, the people of ancient Mesopotamia shared many aspects of material culture and religion. This tour will look at artifacts from the ziggurat-builders of

ancient Sumer, Babylon and Assyria, including Sumerian figures, the law stela of Hammurabi, monumental Assyrian sculpture from the palace of King Sargon II, and clay tablets in cuneiform writing. *Repeated on August 30.*

August 2 Women, Queens and Goddesses of Ancient Egypt

This tour will look at the many different female roles in the land of the pharaohs. It will discuss the everyday life and legal status of ordinary women, the roles of royal women and women in temples, and look at some of the many goddesses, including Isis and Hathor.

August 9 From the Hand of the Archaeologist

Oriental Institute archaeologists have excavated at more than 70 sites since the Institute was founded in 1919. This tour will look at some of the artifacts discovered and discuss some of the sites at which they were found.

THE ORIENTAL INSTITUTE SUNDAY FILMS

JULY - AUGUST, 1991



All films are shown at 2:00 p.m. in Breasted Hall and are free of charge. Each lasts approximately 30 minutes; a tour of the galleries will be offered immediately following the program.

The south route of the CTA's Culture Bus serves The Oriental Institute Museum on Sundays and holidays from May 12 through September 29. Buses leave from the Art Institute at Michigan and Adams every 30 minutes from 10:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

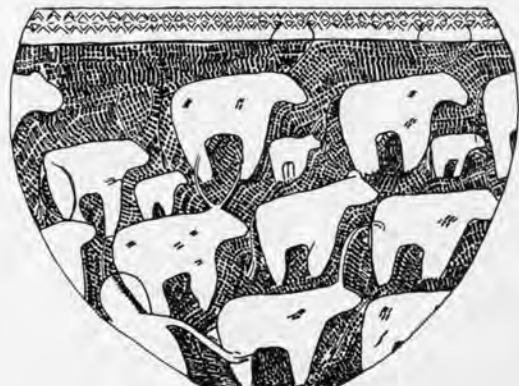
- July 7 Of Time, Tombs, and Treasure**
This film dramatizes the discovery and opening of the tomb of Tut-ankh-amun through a visit to the site and documentation of events surrounding the 1922 archaeological find.
- July 14 Megiddo: City of Destruction**
This film explains how archaeologists make use of modern excavation techniques and clues from ancient texts, including the Bible, to piece together the history of this and other biblical cities.
- July 21 Egypt: Gift of the Nile**
This film traces the history of Pharaonic Egypt from the Pyramid Age (ca. 2700 B.C.) to the reign of Ramesses II (ca. 1200 B.C.), focusing on the technological sophistication of Egyptian monumental architecture and its reflection of the king's exalted position in Egyptian society.
- July 28 Champollion: Egyptian Hieroglyphs Deciphered**
This film chronicles the life and extraordinary achievements of Jean-Francois Champollion, the Frenchman credited with deciphering ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs.
- August 4 Iran: Landmarks in the Desert**
Iran's history is presented through the artistry of architects, painters, and craftsmen of various periods. Included are the impressive ancient ruins of Persepolis.
- August 11 Egypt's Pyramids**
This film describes the history of pyramid building beginning with early benchlike tombs called mastabas. Explore the Step Pyramid, the pyramids at Meidum and Dahshur, and the pyramids at Giza, including the Great Pyramid of King Cheops.

- August 18 The Big Dig**
This film recounts the events in the eighth season of excavation at Gezer in Israel and shows this archaeological site which contains more than 140 occupational strata. Features also the Via Maris, a highway used by Egyptians, Persians, Greeks, Romans, and Napoleon's army.
- August 25 The Egyptologists**
Charlton Heston narrates this account of the activities of archaeologists from The Oriental Institute as they attempt to rescue ancient Egyptian monuments from inundation by Nile waters rising behind the Aswan Dam.

The Oriental Institute Museum, 1155 East 58th St., Chicago, IL 60637. For more information, call (312)702-9507.

UPCOMING EXHIBIT

VANISHED KINGDOMS OF THE NILE: The Rediscovery of Ancient Nubia



February 3 - December 31, 1992



The staff and friends of the Chicago Assyrian Dictionary Project, from left to right: Erekle Astakhishvili, Robert Biggs, Karen Wilson, Martha Roth, Burkhard Kienast, Gene Gragg, Walter Farber, Frances Güterbock, and Erica Reiner, Editor-in-Charge.



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