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Museum of Chinese in America

This Saturday I had the opportunity to revisit the Museum of Chinese in America after my first visit. A year and a half ago, I had the opportunity to visit this museum with my boyfriend to learn a bit more about his culture and heritage. Upon entrance to the museum, I was surprised to have seen the same group that had been outside the museum protesting, that I did the year before. The history of this museum is quite interesting. It has been around for many years, but sadly in 2020 it suffered from a huge fire that forced them to shut down for quite a while. A little bit over a year later, the museum had reopened I was happy to be a few of the first people to view the museum newly reopened. One thing that stood out to me the most was the story about Yellowface. For centuries, I had known about the history of blackface and how it affected the African American community. Little did I know that the Asian Community dealt with the same exact hatred and racism that we went through too. It was very interesting to see because it made me realize the similarities in our struggles in each ethnic group. I think the staff represented the group of people very well. Although this was an experience from a year ago, I remember how during my first visit at this museum my boyfriend was able to have a conversation with the staff in Mandarin. Along with that, when I would ask questions, I would be provided with clear consent answers, and they also provided us with pamphlet upon entrance. In addition, one thing I enjoyed learning more about was New Year's tradition. I really enjoyed learning more about the

tradition and they importance of Luner Year in Chinese culture and all the things that are done to prepare for this important day.