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## ***American Masters: Tyrus***

*Premieres nationwide Friday, September 8 at 9/8c on PBS (check local listings)  
in honor of the 75th anniversary of Bambi*

### **Film Interviewees**

**Lisa See**, Author and Historian

She is the author of “On Gold Mountain,” which includes a chapter on Tyrus Wong. Her grandfather also owned an art gallery which exhibited Wong’s work and Dragon’s Den, the restaurant where Wong worked and painted murals and menus. She is co-curator of the exhibition, “Tyrus Wong: A Retrospective.”

**Ellen Harrington**, Curator, Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences

She curated the exhibition “The Art of the Motion Picture Illustrator” at the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences, which featured Tyrus Wong and two other well-known production illustrators/art directors: Bill Majors and Harold Michelson.

**Sonia Mak**, Art Curator

She curated a group show “Round the Clock: Chinese American Artists Working in Los Angeles,” which included Tyrus Wong, as part of the Getty’s Pacific Standard Time exhibition in 2012.

**John Canemaker**, Animation Director and Historian

He wrote the book *Before the Animation Begins: The Art and Lives of Disney Inspirational Sketch Artists*, which profiled Tyrus Wong and others.

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**Gordon T. McClelland**, Author and Art Historian

He is the author of numerous books on California watercolor painting, several of which include Tyrus Wong, such as *California Watercolors 1850-1970* and *The California Style: California Watercolor Artists, 1925-1955*.

**Mark Dean Johnson**, Professor of Art, San Francisco State University

He curated the exhibition “Asian/American/ Modern Art: Shifting Currents, 1900-1970” in which Tyrus Wong’s work appeared.

**Milton Quon**, Artist

He is a pioneering Chinese American artist who also worked at Disney and knew Tyrus Wong since they were in their 20s.

**Kay Fong**, Tyrus Wong’s Daughter

**Charles Solomon**, Animation Critic & Historian

He has written numerous articles on Tyrus Wong, including: “Movie Reviews: Animation in 'Bambi' Deer to the Child in Us,” “Drawing on the Wind” and “104-Year-Old Animator Tyrus Wong to Headline Otis College Annual Kite Festival.”

**Don Hahn**, Producer, *The Lion King* and *Beauty and the Beast*; Executive Producer of *American Masters: Tyrus*

**Eric Goldberg**, Animator/Designer, *Aladdin*, influenced by the art of Tyrus Wong

**Andreas Deja**, Animator, *The Little Mermaid*, influenced by the art of Tyrus Wong

**Kim Wong**, Tyrus Wong’s Daughter

**Joe Musso**, Motion Picture Illustrator; Tyrus Wong was his mentor at Warner Bros.

**Bill Stern**, Executive Director, Museum of California Design

He curated the exhibition “Mid-Century Mandarin: The Clay Canvases of Tyrus Yu Wong”

**Tai-Ling Wong**, Tyrus Wong’s Daughter

**Paul Felix**, Production Designer, *Lilo & Stitch*, influenced by the art of Tyrus Wong

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