

Conversation@PAM:

The Power and Eccentricity of Balinese Temple Masks

Thursday, April 14, 2022 , 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

USC Pacific Asia Museum

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Forces both demonic and divine make a visible presence in Balinese life through the vehicle of empowered temple masks made mobile on the bodies of their entranced mediums. Facsimiles are used in secular performances and sold as souvenirs throughout Bali.

In this in-person presentation, anthropologist Laurel Kendall describes the acts of production and magic that make a temple mask, then offers some eccentric counter-examples of masks that, in the words of one Balinese interlocutor, became “sacred by accident.”

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