

Richard Aoki Day

Richard Aoki Day started with the opening of the Aoki exhibit at the W. Oakland Library. I curated a number of items for this exhibit which included a drawing of Richard Aoki by Emory Douglas and some of Richard's personal items made into a display by his close friend Harvey Dong. In that display is Richard's leather jacket, his walking cane, and poster of Richard of Richard and a poster signed by students from the Ethnic Studies Department at U. C. Berkeley.

I also included a number of personal photos I have taken of Richard over the years. The exhibit will be up for 2 months at the library, check the library for the times they're open. The program started on time with Big Man reading an article he wrote about Richard and I give my account of Richard's asset to our legacy. Harvey spoke on how he first met Richard as a UC Berkeley student back in 1968. Before we showed the documentary Aoki, Ben Wong one of the producers of the movie spoke on Richard and the making of the film. We had a number of community speaks from different organizations. All and all a good turnout.

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