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"ANNA MAY WONG: PERFORMING THE MODERN"

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Lim re-evaluates this pioneering Chinese American actress’ life and work as a consummate artist by mining an historical archive of her efforts outside of Hollywood cinema. By considering the salient moments of Wong’s career and cultural output, Lim’s analysis explores the deeper meanings and positions the actress as a historical and cultural entrepreneur who rewrote categories of representation.

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