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BMoA Announces Temporary Closure Due to COVID 19

March 17, 2020 - BMoA announced today that it is closing to the public as of 4 p.m. today in response to efforts to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The Museum plans to reopen on Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

BMoA's spring fundraiser ARTMIX, a curated cocktail party benefitting BMoA, has been rescheduled to June 11, 2020. Spring Break Workshops have been cancelled from April 6th – 10th. The April 11th Second Saturday lecture Series with artist Sandra Mendelsohn Rubin has been cancelled. Private rentals scheduled through April 13, 2020 have also been cancelled. All offsite education programming has also been cancelled throughout the closure period.

Membership expiration dates will be extended in conjunction with our closure.

In keeping with its mission to inspire and engage audiences by providing a range of visual arts experiences, BMoA will feature works of art from our winter exhibitions and permanent collection through Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

"Our doors might be closed but opportunities for exploring the arts still exist. We're working with colleagues locally and statewide to determine how best to do that during the days and weeks ahead," said BMoA Executive Director Amy Smith.

ABOUT BMoA

The Bakersfield Museum of Art's mission is to inspire and engage diverse audiences by providing a broad spectrum of creative visual arts experiences through the exhibition and preservation of fine art, educational programs, community outreach and special events. Visit www.bmoa.org or call 661-323-7219 for more information. Connect with BMoA on Facebook and Instagram (@thebmoa), and Twitter @bmoa.

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