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Bakersfield Museum of Art Re-opens the Public July 1, 2020

June 30, 2020 – The Bakersfield Museum of Art will reopen to the public on Wednesday, July 1, for the first time since March 17, 2020. BMOA closed its on-site operation, education, and rescheduled or cancelled events on March 17th of this year in an effort to contain the spread of COVID-19. Beginning Tuesday, July 7, the Museum will resume its normal operating hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 AM to 4 PM with extended hours until 8 PM every First Friday of the Month.

Visitors to the Museum can expect physical distancing markers and signage throughout exhibition spaces, hand sanitizing stations, increased cleaning in common spaces, and masks worn at all times by staff, in compliance with the Governor’s state-wide order.

With their reopening, exhibition times have been extended or changed, with *One Night in California: California Nocturnes* and *Black & White: Photographs from the Julie Riegel and Suzette Clerou Collection* exhibition dates extended through August 29, 2020.

BMOA’s newest exhibition, *Memoirs of Illusion: Selections from the Students in the BMOA Artworks Program*, will be open to the public on July 1, 2020. Centering on the work of 16 high school seniors and juniors with a strong interest in the arts, work on exhibition in *Memoirs* was completed while the students were under the stay-at-home order. Program participants met with staff remotely during the shutdown, to continue developing their work. This exhibition will be on display through August 22, 2020.

ARTMIX, BMOA’s spring fundraiser that was originally planned for April 2020, moved online. Instead of an off-the-wall art sale, visitors to www.bmoa.org/artmix-artsale can browse and buy submitted artwork online. The art sale features the work of local and regional artists like photographer Felix Adamo and painter David Gordon, as well as work by currently exhibiting artist David Hines, and Permanent Collection artists Art Sherwyn, Yvonne Cavanagh, and Marion Osborn Cunningham. Local restaurant partners Cornerstone Bakery, LUVSPUN and Aunt Mae’s Sweet Tooth have agreed to donate a portion of proceeds from guests’ orders who mention BMOA or ARTMIX until July 11. Nuestro Mexico Restaurant will be participate in the event from July 8th to July 11th. See details at www.bmoa.org/artmix.

During the stay at home order, BMOA’s staff has been hard at work creating online content remotely, from coloring pages to video lessons for students, and insights into exhibition pieces from the curatorial team, all available at www.bmoa.org/museumathome.

BMOA’s First Friday program will resume on Friday, July 3rd. The Museum’s operating hours will be extended until 8 pm.

The Museums on Us program, generously funded by Bank of America, will grant free admission to both BMOA members and Bank of America, Merrill, and Bank of America Private Bank credit or debit cardholders July 1 through July 10.

BMoA will be closed Saturday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.

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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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