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## **BMoA Announces Free Memberships for Kern County Teachers**

**Bakersfield, CA (March 1, 2022)** – Bakersfield Museum of Art (BMoA) announces its Education Partner Program, which offers up to 200 free Individual memberships to active kindergarten through high school teachers at Kern County school sites. Memberships are valid for one full year.

The available memberships entitle recipients unlimited free visits to museum exhibitions, exclusive invitations to exhibition openings, discounted admission to BMoA special events, a 10% discount on gift shop merchandise, and discounted tuition for museum classes and lectures.

“Art education fosters creative thinking – students learn how to approach a problem in new ways. And that skill is the cornerstone of innovation,” says BMoA Executive Director Amy Smith. “We want to make sure all children in Kern County have access to the wonderful programs we offer here. One way to do that is to make sure their teachers know more about what we do.”

To apply for the program, teachers must visit [bmoa.org/educator-memberships](https://bmoa.org/educator-memberships). Memberships are available on a first-come-first-served basis.

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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. BMoA is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with free admission and extended hours until 8 p.m. every First Friday of the month. The Museum will be closed most major holidays. Visit [bmoa.org](https://bmoa.org) or call 661-323-7219 for more information.