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Bakersfield Museum of Art Re-opens to the Public March 30, 2021

March 24, 2021 – The Bakersfield Museum of Art (BMoA) will reopen to the public on Tuesday, March 30, 2021. After nearly a year of being closed to the public to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in response to state and local health department requirements, beginning Tuesday, March 30, 2021 BMoA 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. BMoA will open for members only on Saturday, March 27, 2021 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

BMoA visitors 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 and visitors, in compliance with state and local requirements.

On view at BMoA, visitors can see *Color + Figure: Paintings by Linda Christensen*, a collection of work reflective of the Bay Area Figurative movement that revels in the tenderness and reflection of human nature. Linda's first solo museum exhibition includes work characterized by gestural brushstrokes and harmonious color palettes.

Also on view is *Uncommon Perspective: Paintings by Art Sherwyn*. A survey of this local artist and award-winning art educator's most recent work, this exhibition combines vivid color palettes, calligraphic mark-making and the artist's love of storytelling. Each work becomes a commemorative anecdote of the community Sherwyn calls home.

Our third exhibition, *The Bakersfield Sound: Roll Out the Red Carpet*, surveys the aesthetic of this landmark country-music sub-genre and its influence on today's musical community.

During BMoA's COVID-closure, museum staff worked from home to create engaging digital content for all ages, from coloring pages to video lessons for students, and insights into exhibition pieces from the curatorial team. See www.bmoa.org/museumathome for details.

BMoA's First Friday program will resume on Friday, April 2, 2021 when the museum's operating hours will be extended until 8 pm.

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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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