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**BMoA Celebrates PRIDE at Art After Dark**

June 16, 2022 – Bakersfield Museum of Art (BMoA) will celebrate National Pride Month during its popular Art After Dark series. The celebration of creativity and self-expression will be held on Thursday, June 30 from 7pm to 10pm at BMoA.

Local creative talent will be featured in performances throughout the night, emceed by Justin Salinas of “Cake It with Justin.” Famed artisanal cotton candy purveyor, LUVSPUN will be spinning festive cotton candy live. Guests can dance the night away with live DJ sets by local favorite Richard Deval and enjoy two available art projects. Moo Creamery will provide hand-crafted cocktails featuring Tom of Finland Organic Vodka—an award-winning spirit made in celebration of the iconic Finnish artist—as well as mocktails throughout the evening. Pedego Bakersfield will be on hand to provide valet bicycle parking for guests.

Guests can also tour the exhibitions [Personal to Political: Celebrating the African American Artists of Paulson Fontaine Press](#), [Under the Kern County Sky: Prapat Sirinavarat](#), and [Exploring the Figure: Selections from BMoA’s Permanent Collection](#).

“Creativity and self-expression are part of what makes us all human, regardless of race, gender, identity or any other trait. As a fine art institution, we celebrate creativity and expression in everything we do. This edition of Art After Dark honors the many forms that creativity can take,” said BMoA Executive Director Amy Smith.

Art After Dark is generously supported by Moneywise Wealth Management, Wolf Spirit Distillery, City Councilman Andrae Gonzales, A La Ritz Drag Brunch Extravaganza, and Pedego Bakersfield.

Capacity is limited at this very popular event. Guests should be 18 or older. Tickets are available in advance for \$5 through June 28 and \$10 at the door, if available. Gates open at 7 pm. For tickets and more information, visit [bmoa.org/artafterdark](https://bmoa.org/artafterdark). Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) @thebmoa #bmoaartafterdark

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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.