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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Sound, Scene, and Self Take Center Stage in Bakersfield Museum of Art's Winter 2021 Exhibitions**

Online Presentation February 11 at 7 pm

**Bakersfield, CA – February 8** – Three new exhibitions are arriving at Bakersfield Museum of Art on Thursday, February 11. Each exhibition is available online only. Beginning at 7 pm on Thursday, February 11, viewers will be able to take virtual, 3D tours of each exhibition from their computer or smart phone. Virtual exhibition tours are free and open to the public. In-person viewing will begin when state and local officials allow indoor museums to reopen to the public.

**The Bakersfield Sound: Roll Out the Red Carpet**

A showcase of the major figures and stylings of the country music sub-genre known as the Bakersfield Sound, this exhibit celebrates the Sound's aesthetic history, featuring more than 150 costumes, guitars, photographs, album covers and other artifacts. Several objects in the exhibition that are on loan from private collectors will be on public display for the very first time. Other objects are on loan from the Buck Owens Crystal Palace and Kern County Museum.

The Bakersfield Sound: Roll Out the Red Carpet is presented by the Lazzerini Family Foundation, with additional support from Oriole Homes, Chelsea McClintock Foundation, Don and Catherine Lucas, Guitar Masters/Carney's, Dr. & Mrs. Javier Bustamante, City of Bakersfield, and Grimmway Farms

**Color + Figure: Paintings by Linda Christensen**

A prominent painter from the third wave of the Bay Area Figurative Movement, Linda Christensen's collection of paintings, though not intimate in size, express the tenderness of human nature through gestural brushstrokes and harmonious color palettes. Her work portrays faceless women, creating both liveliness and anonymity. This way, any woman, and by extension any person, can see themselves as the pensive figures portrayed. This is the artist's first solo museum exhibition.

Color + Figure: Paintings by Linda Christensen was organized by the Bakersfield Museum of Art and made possible with generous support from the BMOA's Blue Ribbon Circle auxiliary group.

### **Uncommon Perspective: Paintings by Art Sherwyn**

Art Sherwyn's most recent work combines his use of vibrant colors with his love for storytelling. His striking color palettes and playful textures combine to celebrate familiar locations and neighborhoods around Kern County. Each canvas offers area residents a fresh new perspective of home. More than 15 paintings will be shown alongside preliminary sketches, inviting the viewer to study the artist's process. This exhibit shows BMOA's continued support of the local art community by displaying the work of a long-time area artist and art educator and marks the first time Sherwyn's recent work is available to the public.

This exhibition was organized by Bakersfield Museum of Art and made possible with generous support from The Dolores F. and Victor S. Cerro Endowment for Art Exhibits.

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Each exhibition is currently installed and will remain on view until August 28, 2021.

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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. BMOA is closed to the public until further notice, due to the COVID19 pandemic. Call (661) 323-7219 for more information. Connect with BMOA on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube @thebmoa