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Bakersfield Museum of Art Re-opens the Public October 27, 2020

October 21, 2020 – The Bakersfield Museum of Art (BMoA) will reopen to the public on Tuesday, October 27, 2020. BMoA closed its on-site operations and modified all calendared events beginning in March of this year in response to state and local health department requirements designed to contain the spread of COVID-19. **Beginning Tuesday, October 27, 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 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 *Black & White: Photographs from the Julie Riegel and Suzette Clerou Collection*, an outstanding representation of significant photographic works created over the last century. The images in this exhibit highlight the technological advancements, socio-political upheavals, and cultural influences that motivated the era's artistic innovation.

Also on view is *Memoirs of Illusion: Selections from the Students in the BMoA Artworks Program*. 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 December 2020.

Visitors can also enjoy a selection of larger works from BMoA's permanent collection and *Marion Osborn Cunningham: Print Maker*.

The Museum encourages joining BMoA as Member as they always enjoy priority access to all museum exhibits and special events. Visit <https://www.bmoa.org/join> to become a Member.

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, November 6 when 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 Bank of America, Merrill, and Bank of America Private Bank credit or debit cardholders beginning on BMoA Reopening Day (Tuesday, October 27) through Saturday, November 7. The program will resume its normal schedule of the first Saturday of each month in December.

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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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