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**Bakersfield Museum of Art Draws Internationally Known and Local Artists to Spring Fundraiser**

(Bakersfield, CA) – March 4, 2022 – Local and Internationally known artists will gather at the Bakersfield Museum of Art for its annual fundraiser ARTMIX, a curated cocktail party benefiting the Bakersfield Museum of Art, on Thursday, March 31, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

At ARTMIX, guests enjoy an off-the-wall art sale featuring work by local and regional artists. Priced from \$100-\$400, pieces are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. The evening also includes a silent auction of works by artists featured in BMOA's current exhibition *On the Edge: Los Angeles Art, 1970s – 1990s, from the Joan and Jack Quinn Family Collection*. Silent auction artists include Larry Bell, Tony Berlant, Woods Davy, Laddie John Dill, Ned Evans, Joe Fay, Chris Hartunian, EF Kitchen, Gwynn Murrill, and Astrid Preston.

ARTMIX also features sophisticated bites and signature cocktails crafted by Bakersfield eateries, including Aunt Mae's Sweet Tooth, Baker's Outpost, Bord a Petite, Campo Bar + Bottle, The Kitchen, Locale Farm to Table, Luigi's Italian Restaurant and Delicatessen, Montoya Vineyards, Moo Creamery, Nuestro Mexico Restaurant, and Voktail.

Guests can also purchase opportunity draw (raffle) tickets for a chance to win one of three commissioned portraits by *On the Edge* exhibiting artist Joe Fay (a \$700 value).

At the ARTMIX benefactor reception, guests get a first opportunity to view and buy objects for sale during an exclusive champagne reception. The benefactor reception begins at 5:30 PM.

Music for the evening will be provided by local DJs Cat and DJ Chuck One. Creative, colorful cocktail attire is encouraged. Guests will be welcomed at BMOA's sculpture garden entrance at 19<sup>th</sup> and R Street.

Proceeds from ARTMIX benefit the BMOA Fund, which supports all areas of the Museum including preservation of the BMOA permanent collection, visiting exhibitions, and youth art education and outreach.

Dozens of area businesses and philanthropists help make this event possible. [Click here to see the list of ARTMIX sponsors.](#)

General admission tickets are \$50 per person for members, \$60 per person for nonmembers. Benefactor reception tickets are \$125 per person for members, \$150 per person for nonmembers. Tickets are available now at BMOA, online at [bmoa.org/artmix](http://bmoa.org/artmix), or at the door.

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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](http://bmoa.org) or call 661-323-7219 for more information.