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Missoula Art Museum Reopens Galleries at Reduced Capacity

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The Missoula Art Museum will reopen its doors Thursday, June 4, after an eleven-week closure in concert with the community's effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. In following with Governor Bullock's phased plan to reopen businesses across the state, MAM is entering the first step of a tiered reopening plan. Increased daily disinfecting and sanitizing protocols are in place for high-touch surfaces throughout the museum building and galleries. Given the changing nature of the state's phased re-opening and the progression of the pandemic, this plan and related details are subject to change and will be revised as needed.

Visitors are recommended to wear face coverings and physical distance from other individuals while visiting. A maximum number of 25 visitors will be allowed in the building at a time. Tours will be available on a reservation basis — stay tuned for more information about how to sign up.

MAM's enriching virtual events will continue as planned, including a virtual First Friday reception on June 5. Selected summer camps for children will continue in accordance with safety guidelines. Other education programs will be offered on a mixed virtual and in-person basis. Visit MAM's website or call the museum for more information.

"All of us at MAM are so pleased to reopen our doors and share the visionary artwork by Montana artists on view in the summer exhibitions at MAM. We offer food for the soul—something for everyone—and free of charge! We trust that our viewers will be compassionate towards others, and help us provide a haven for all," said Laura Millin, executive director at MAM.

MAM features four diverse exhibitions this summer: *Stephen Braun: Hindsight and Foresight Are 20/20* through September 19, *Earthborn: 30 Seconds to 40 Moons* through August 22, and *Love Letters to the Collection*, on view all year, and *Laura Barrett: State of Grace* through August 22. This summer's installation in the Missoula Art Park, *Jay Laber: Reborn Rez Wrecks*, will be on view through October 2020.

If you would like more information about this topic, please email Laura Millin, executive director at MAM, at lauramillin@missoulaartmuseum.org.

About MAM: Founded in 1975 and accredited by the American Association of Museums since 1987, MAM is emerging as the leading contemporary art museum in the Intermountain West. MAM is situated on the traditional, ancestral territories of the Séliš (Salish or "Flathead") and Q̓lispé (upper Kalispel or Pend d'Oreille) peoples. MAM is committed to respecting the indigenous stewards of the land it occupies. MAM is a fully accessible, free public museum boasting eight exhibition spaces, a library, and education center in the heart of Missoula's historic downtown.

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