



NEWS RELEASE County Museum

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Artist Bernard Hoyes works open at the County Museum



San Bernardino County Museum is pleased to present a show of works by artist Bernard Hoyes. "Spirit of the Land Through Climate Change," an exhibition of large scale watercolors, speaks to the artist's experience with the ecological life of the desert. The show opens Sunday, Nov. 17 and runs through March 8, 2020. The exhibit opens with a reception on Nov. 17, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Hoyes, an artist working in multiple disciplines including performance, painting, watercolor and murals, is a Coachella Valley resident, Jamaican born, African-American, and is primarily recognized as a contemporary painter. His work evolves from a highly intuitive space, capturing spiritual realms on canvas in radiant and brilliant essence. He inspires the viewer to transcend into new dimensions, and regardless of the genre, all of his work has an undercurrent of spirituality. The works in this show reveal a controlled recession of details, plane after plane, allowing the observer to wander into the picture space for a vicarious experience of nature.

Raised into a family rooted in Jamaica's revivalist church, Hoyes memories of religion and rituals have influenced his artistic productivity throughout his life. His celebration of traditional African religion and spirituality continues to find universal appeal. His work has exhibited at the Museum of African American Art in Los Angeles, Riverside Art Museum, Mission Inn Museum, Palm Springs Art Museum, and others. His mural projects include a large-scale work on the exterior wall Church of St. Paul's in downtown Palm Springs, and most recently a mural in Kingston, Jamaica as part of the Kingston Creative's #PaintTheCity project, to revitalize the downtown. His works are in the private collections of Oprah Winfrey, Natalie Cole, Steve Harvey, Helene Galen, Keenan Ivory Wayans and the National Urban League, amongst others.

The San Bernardino County Museum's exhibits of regional cultural and natural history and the Museum's other exciting events and programs reflect the effort by the Board of Supervisors to achieve the Countywide Vision by celebrating arts, culture, and education in the county, creating quality of life for residents and visitors.

The San Bernardino County Museum is at 2024 Orange Tree Lane, at the California Street exit from Interstate 10 in Redlands. The exhibit and the exhibit opening reception are included with general admission. The museum is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission is \$10 (adult), \$8 (military or senior), \$7 (student), and \$5 (child aged 5 to 12). Children under five and Museum Association members are admitted free. Parking is free. For more information, visit www.sbcounty.gov/museum. The museum is accessible to persons with disabilities.