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The Brinton Museum Opens for 2025 Season with a Celebration of Women in the West

Big Horn, WY – The Brinton Museum proudly announces its opening for the 2025 season on February 6, themed *Celebrating Women in the West*. This year's exhibitions and programming will spotlight the essential role of women in shaping the culture and heritage of the American West, offering dynamic opportunities for visitors to explore their stories and impact.

The season begins with the 20th annual Illustrator Show, featuring the work of Linda Pease, a celebrated member of the Crow Nation. Pease's vibrant, collage-style paintings blend materials like ledger paper, vintage maps, and photographs to create whimsical, story-driven art. Drawing inspiration from Crow legends, Montana and Wyoming landscapes, and her female ancestors, Pease's work captures the imagination and celebrates the enduring influence of women in her life and heritage.

Anchoring the season is Lindsay Linton Buk's acclaimed *Women in Wyoming* exhibition, on view from March 6 to July 13. This multimedia exhibition features large-scale portraits and interactive storytelling elements that celebrate the achievements and resilience of Wyoming women. The exhibition spans five chapters exploring themes of leadership, resilience, and creativity, showcasing women who have shaped their communities and beyond.

Two exciting public programs will accompany the *Women in Wyoming* exhibition. An opening reception on March 7 will include remarks by Linton Buk and *Women in Wyoming* participant Rosie Berger, followed by a multidisciplinary performance featuring hoop dancer Jasmine Pickner Bell and Wyoming Poet Laureate Barbara Smith. On April 11, during the Sheridan Press FAB Women's Conference, The Brinton Museum will host a VIP meet-and-greet with Linton Buk and women featured in the project. The following day, Linton Buk will deliver the keynote address at the conference, joined by a panel discussion with *Women in Wyoming* participants.

Through these exhibitions and programs, The Brinton Museum seeks to celebrate and elevate the voices of women who have shaped the West, fostering community engagement and honoring their contributions.

For more information about the 2025 season or to plan your visit, please contact The Brinton Museum or visit <u>https://thebrintonmuseum.org/</u>.

About The Brinton Museum:

Founded in 1960, The Brinton Museum is an institution dedicated to preserving the art, history and culture of the West. Located on the historic Quarter Circle A Ranch in the foothills of the majestic Bighorn Mountains, it features 19th, 20th and 21st century American and American

Indian Art in a historic Western setting. The Brinton Museum offers free general admission, generously sponsored by Ramaco Carbon, LLC, and is a participating member of the North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) Association.

Hours: Open Thursday to Monday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Telephone:** 307-672-3173 **Address:** 239 Brinton Road, Big Horn, WY 82833