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Exhibit: *“The Art of Robert Martinez”*

Dates: July 10 to September 5, 2021

“The Art of Robert Martinez”,

on display in the Jacomien Mars Reception Gallery, beginning July 10, 2021

THE BRINTON MUSEUM (Big Horn, WY) presents an exhibit of contemporary art by the award-winning Northern Arapaho artist and 2019 Governor’s Arts Award recipient **Robert Martinez** from Riverton, Wyoming. Featured in a one-person show of his paintings and drawings, Martinez was born on the Wind River Reservation and attended Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design where he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1997. He has participated as an exhibiting artist in *“The Brinton 101”* small works shows since 2018 and is represented in the museum’s permanent collection. Robert is a founding member of the Creative Indigenous Collective which is comprised of artists from Northern Plains tribes who exhibit contemporary indigenous art.

“The Art of Robert Martinez” includes 36 works which range in size from smaller scale pieces to large scale paintings and encompasses an unexpected vibrant color palette of bright blues, reds and purples, for examples, which blends historic native inspiration with modern day culture. The artist says his intent is “to adjust our expectations on what native and western artwork is”

and to celebrate indigenous culture and its history. Robert researches his subjects and also studies photographs to be historically accurate in his representations while at the same time presenting a contemporary focus in the finished work. It's not uncommon for a futuristic element to also appear in his paintings.

Robert Martinez's show at The Brinton opens in the Forrest E. Mars, Jr. Building's Jacomien Mars Reception Gallery on July 10 and continues through September 5.

An Artist's Reception takes place on Sunday, July 11, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Martinez will present a Galley Talk at The Brinton Museum on Thursday, August 12 at 7 p.m.

These events are offered as free admission and open to the public.



Robert Martinez, "**Hatter**", airbrushed acrylic and oil, 40" x 30"



Robert Martinez, "**Sentinel**", graphite and acrylic, 14" x 11"



Robert Martinez, "**Aquila**", airbrushed acrylic and oil, 30" x 40"

About The Brinton Museum

Founded in 1960, The Brinton Museum is a fine arts institution devoted to preserving the art and history of the West. Located on the historic Quarter Circle Æ Ranch in the foothills of the majestic Bighorn Mountains, it features 19th, 20th and 21st century American and Indian Art in a historic Western setting. General admission for 2021 is free, made possible by a generous donation from First Interstate Bank.