



The Brinton Museum

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The Brinton Museum Opens the 2026 Season on February 5 with Free Admission, New Exhibitions.

BIG HORN, WY — The Brinton Museum will reopen its doors for the **2026 season on Thursday, February 5**, welcoming visitors back to the historic Quarter Circle A Ranch with **free admission**, new exhibitions, refreshed galleries, and the return of the Brinton Bistro and Museum Store.

The museum will operate on its seasonal schedule, **Thursday through Monday from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM**, offering visitors access to Fine Art and American Indian Art galleries, historic structures, and expansive grounds at the base of the Bighorn Mountains. Admission remains free, thanks to generous community and corporate support.

Exhibitions Opening for the 2026 Season

Three temporary exhibitions open at the start of the season, highlighting both emerging and nationally recognized artists:

All Schools 5th Grade Student Art Show

February 6 – March 2

An annual community favorite showcasing original artwork by 5th-grade students from across the region.

Zak Pullen: 21st Illustrator Show

February 6 – March 30

Featuring original illustrations by award-winning picture-book illustrator Zak Pullen, whose work spans children's literature and national publications.

A Century of Illustration: Highlights from the Collection

February 6 – March 30

A retrospective exhibition drawn from The Brinton's permanent collection, exploring the evolution of illustration art over the past twenty years.

Dining at the Brinton Bistro

The Brinton Bistro will also reopen on February 5, offering seasonal menus and one of the most scenic dining experiences in the region. Bistro hours are:

Monday, Thursday, Friday: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM (Lunch)

Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM (Brunch)

Reservations are encouraged.

Museum Store Highlights

The **Brinton Museum Store** opens for the season with new inventory, including books, gifts, apparel, and art-inspired items. Visitors will also find select sales and discounted merchandise, making it a great time to shop while supporting the museum.

About The Brinton Museum

Founded in 1960, The Brinton Museum is dedicated to preserving and presenting the art, history, and cultures of the American West. Located on the historic Quarter Circle A Ranch near Big Horn, Wyoming, the museum features Fine Art and American Indian Art collections, historic buildings, and natural landscapes that connect visitors to the region's stories and sense of place. Admission to The Brinton Museum is free.

For more information about exhibitions, dining, and upcoming programs, visit **thebrintonmuseum.org**.

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