Press Contact: David Sheasby, Deputy City Manager

Phone Number: (909) 395-2280

Date: April 2, 2019

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

City of Ontario

Ontario Museum of History & Art

**TENTH BIENNIAL ONTARIO OPEN ART EXHIBIT**

On exhibition April 11, 2019 through June 9, 2019, the *Tenth Biennial Ontario Open Art Exhibit* features a fantastic array of art from talented artists of the region. Sponsored by the Ontario Museum of History & Art, Associates, this juried exhibition is one of the Museum’s most anticipated exhibition by artists and the art community. For the past eighteen years, visitors have enjoyed viewing 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional artwork with a wide range of subject matter and technique. The *Ontario Open* features both established and emerging artists who use a variety of media such as oil, acrylic, clay, metal, fiber, textiles, photography, ink, graphite and others.

The exhibition is juried by Jennifer Frias, Director of Education and Academic programs at UCR ARTS, and an independent curator. Frias is also co-founder of the award-winning OFF THE BLOCK Program at UCR ARTS, a summer workshop intensive for aspiring, high school filmmakers and documentarians. As curator, she has organized exhibitions at UCR ARTS, as well as multiple art venues in Los Angeles, Orange County, and Miami. Her curatorial projects focus on engaging contemporary art and its artists with communities outside of the art world to connect in dialogue and activity. In addition to her curatorial work, she is a practicing artist working primarily with installation and photography. She received her MFA in Exhibition Design/Museum Studies at California State University, Fullerton and her BA in Art History and Creative Writing at the University of California, Riverside.

***Special Events that will be held in conjunction with the exhibition:***

**Tenth Biennial Ontario Open Art Exhibition Awards Ceremony and Reception**

**Saturday, April 13, 2019 (1 PM to 3 PM)**

Join the Museum as we celebrate the fantastic array of artwork by local and regional artists. Juror awards will be presented by board members of the Ontario Museum of History & Art, Associates, the non-profit support group for the Museum. Juror Jennifer Frias will discuss her selections and lead a walkthrough of the exhibition. Light refreshments and hors d’oeuvres will be served. Remarks at 1:30 PM.

**Museum Explorers: Art Party!**

**Saturday, June 1, 2019 (2 PM to 4 PM)**

Explore the *10th Biennial Ontario Open Art Exhibit* with a guided tour and create your own work of art! Families are encouraged to attend with children ages 5 to 11. Materials will be provided. Free admission. Reservations Required.

Awards are given out to First, Second, Third and 4 Honorable Mentions winners. The winners from the 2019 *Tenth Ontario Open* will be invited back to show a body of their work in the 2020 *Tenth Biennial Ontario Invitational Art Exhibit*.

**About the Ontario Museum of History & Art**

The Ontario Museum of History & Art is located at 225 S. Euclid Avenue, Ontario, California 91762. Gallery hours are Noon to 4 PM, Thursday through Sunday. Admission is free. For more information call (909) 395-2510, email at [museuminfo@ontarioca.gov](mailto:museuminfo@ontarioca.gov) or visit [www.ontarioca.gov/museum](http://www.ontarioca.gov/museum). The Ontario Museum of History & Art is a public-private museum operated by the City of Ontario with support from the non-profit Ontario Museum of History & Art, Associates.

# # #

**About the City of Ontario**

The City of Ontario *Elevates* the quality-of-life by creating urban lifestyle districts that create sustainable places to live, work and play. Located just 35 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, the City of Ontario is ideally situated as Southern California’s gateway. With three major interstates, two railroads and the Ontario International Airport, Ontario offers direct access from Los Angeles to the rest of California and to North America. With over 177,000 residents and residential development on the rise, Ontario is well-positioned for growth in the next two decades, making it one of the 100 most populated cities in the nation. Complementing its business and residential core, Ontario offers premium entertainment venues such as the Ontario Convention Center, Citizens Business Bank Arena, and the Ontario Mills Mall. To learn more about the City of Ontario, visit [www.ontarioca.gov](http://www.ontarioca.gov) or call (909) 395-2000.