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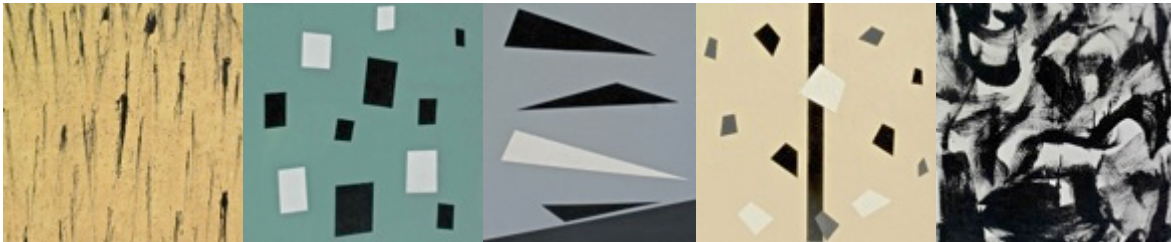
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**CLAREMONT HERITAGE ANNOUNCES Back to Modern
Paintings & Poetry by Kendall Johnson**

Opening Reception - Saturday, February 2, 2019. 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Artist Talk – Wednesday, February 6, 2019. 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Closing Reception – Saturday, February 23, 2019. 2:00 – 4:00 pm

GINGER ELLIOTT CENTER 840 N Indian Hill Blvd. Claremont 91711



Claremont Heritage will host the opening reception for the Back to Modern, exhibition featuring artwork and poetry by Dr. Kendall Johnson on February 2, 2019 from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Back to Modern will feature paintings and accompanying reflections focusing on mid-century modernism with a call to re-examine the movement's aesthetic experimentation, novel vision, and pursuit of meaning. As Dr. Johnson states, "The virtues of individual responsibility, authenticity, and personal expression have new found importance now. Mid-century angst is back, as is the turning back towards the arts as something more than social critique." This exhibition aims to reconsider the modernist effort.

Kendall Johnson, Ph.D., grew up on a lemon ranch in Claremont and is an alumnus of California Polytechnic University, Claremont Graduate University, and International College, Los Angeles, where he received his doctorate in Clinical Psychology. Johnson served with the U.S. Navy in Vietnam, later returning to Claremont where he taught for 40 years with the Claremont Unified School District. Dr. Johnson is currently a full -time artist and serves as Director of the Gallery 57 Underground in Pomona.

Back to Modern will be hosted in the Ginger Elliott Exhibition Center, located at 840 N Indian Hill Blvd in Memorial Park. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Additionally, Johnson's most recent publication, *A Whole Lot' A Shakin': Reconsidering Midcentury* (Cholla Needles Press, 2018) will be available for purchase. For more information about Back to Modern and Claremont Heritage please email info@claremontheritage.org, visit our website at www.claremontheritage.org, or call (909) 621-0848.

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