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PHILIP AND MURIEL BERMAN MUSEUM NAMED BEST IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Berman Museum at Ursinus College to reopen to the public on May 19.

COLLEGEVILLE, Pa. (May 13, 2021) — The Philip and Muriel Berman Museum at Ursinus College has been named [the Best Museum in Montgomery County](#) by [Montco Happening](#) magazine.

The magazine creates an annual “best of” list of Montgomery County retailers and institutions, based on votes from the general public.

“We’re proud to be named the best museum in Montgomery County,” said Lisa Tremper Hanover, interim director of operations of the Berman Museum. “It’s especially exciting to be reopening to the public on May 19 so everyone can visit and see our current exhibitions and outdoor sculpture collection in person.”

In the months the museum has been closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Berman has established a virtual gallery with 3D exhibitions, including [Shannon Collis’ “Strata”](#) and [“François Gilot: Her Journey Through Portraiture”](#) which may be viewed online at ursinus.edu/berman.

Among the current exhibitions [online](#) and in the museum is “Testaments,” photographer Kris Graves’ homage to contemporary Black experience. Eighty portraits and video images of Black subjects reveal uniqueness through brilliant, richly hued color.

The exhibition includes [a projected image](#) of George Floyd on a graffiti-covered monument of Robert E. Lee—itsself a work of art by Alex Criqui and Dustin Klein—taken at the height of Black Lives Matter protests of 2020. Graves’ instantly iconic image was displayed on the January 2021 cover of *National Geographic* magazine. Graves’ image poignantly captures the commanding graphic potency of Floyd’s visage, rendered solely in light, visually overtaking the material substantiality of bronze and stone.

Museum hours beginning on May 19 will be: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Between May 19 and 30, visitors can see the Kris Graves “Testaments” exhibition at the museum, as well as Shannon Collis’ “Strata”, “François Gilot: Her Journey Through Portraiture”, Chuck Kolton “Folds”, and “Lucky Seven: Acquisitions from 2013 to 2020.”

The museum will be closed to the public from May 31 through June 10 for exhibition changes.

About the Berman Museum and Ursinus College

The Berman Museum is one of only 4 percent of museums nationwide to earn accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums. For more information, including current virtual exhibitions on view, visit ursinus.edu/berman.

One of the nation’s “Colleges that Change Lives,” Ursinus College is a selective, residential college with 1,500 students that is widely recognized for its Common Intellectual Experience and its Quest: Open Questions Open Minds inquiry-based core curriculum. The tree-lined, 170-acre campus is located 25 miles northwest of Philadelphia in Collegeville, Pa.

