



**New Exhibition, *Neon AIR: Radiant Residents*,
Opens at Nevada Humanities Program Gallery in Las Vegas**
Exhibition on Display May 31 Through July 26, 2018

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May 16, 2018—LAS VEGAS Nev – As part of its bimonthly exhibition series, Nevada Humanities presents the exhibition *Neon AIR: Radiant Residents* at the Nevada Humanities Program Gallery in Las Vegas. Since neon was first invented in the early 1900s, the radiant glow of this noble gas has captivated and inspired viewers around the world, but nowhere more than in Las Vegas, “City of Neon.”

The exhibition will showcase artworks by the Neon Museum’s resident artists: **Whitney Lynn – Inaugural National Artist in Residence (AIR) 2016** a visual artist who creates objects, performances, videos, and photo-based works to reframe narratives of familiar objects, images, and events. **Allison Wiese - National AIR 2017** is an interdisciplinary artist who makes sculptures, installations, sound works, performances, and architectural interventions. **Karl Orozco – National AIR 2018** is a Filipino-American printmaker, illustrator, comic artist, and educator whose work grapples with the legacy of colonialism and challenges assumed notions of race, family, migration, and power. His Neon Museum residency takes place from July 2 through August 25, 2018.

“*Neon AIR* takes the iconic neon signs, which not only signify Las Vegas today but are an essential part of Las Vegas history, and elevates them to a new level of awareness,” said Christina Barr, Nevada Humanities Executive Director. “Ongoing work with partners such as the Neon Museum allow us to engage in outreach opportunities that are innovative as well as intriguing.”

Dedicated to preserving Las Vegas signs, the Neon Museum also develops programs in support of neon-inspired creative projects. Since 2016, the Neon Museum’s National Artist Residency program has put out a call nationwide for proposals for a summer residency based in Las Vegas. Resident artists have open access to the Neon Museum boneyard and archives, and accommodation in historic downtown Las Vegas allows full immersion in the heart of iconic architecture and neon signage.

An **Opening Reception and Curator’s Talk**, with Cynthia Behr Warso, Neon Museum’s Director of Education and Engagement, will be held at **7:00 pm on Thursday May 31, 2018** as part of the exhibition opening from **6:00 to 9:00 pm**. Additionally, an **Artist’s Reception and Karl Orozco Artist’s Talk**, with a visitor engagement project, will be held on **Thursday, July 5**; the Artist’s Reception is from 6:00-9:00 pm, and the Artist’s Talk with Karl Orozco is at 7:00 pm. All mentioned events will be held at the [Nevada Humanities Program Gallery](#), 1017 S. First Street, #190, Las Vegas and are open to the public and free of charge.

The Neon Museum, which was founded in 1996, is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to collecting, preserving, studying, and exhibiting iconic Las Vegas signs for educational, historic, arts, and cultural enrichment. Both the Neon Boneyard and the La Concha Visitors’ Center are located at 770 Las Vegas Blvd. North in Las Vegas. For tour schedules and pricing information, visit neonmuseum.org.

The *Neon AIR* exhibition will be on display at the Nevada Humanities Program Gallery, which is located in the Art Square Garden Courtyard downtown in the Las Vegas Arts District at 1017 S. First Street, #190. The Nevada Humanities Program Gallery is open Monday through Friday, from 1 - 5 p.m., and until 9 p.m. on Preview Thursdays and the first Friday of each month. The Gallery is closed on Wednesday, July 4.

About Nevada Humanities:

Nevada Humanities is one of 56 independent, nonprofit state and territorial humanities councils affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. With offices in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada Humanities creates public programs and supports public projects statewide that define the Nevada experience and facilitate the exploration of issues that matter to Nevadans and their communities.

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