



## **KIRKLAND MUSEUM OF FINE & DECORATIVE ART RELEASES NEW VIRTUAL EXHIBITION**

*'Art in Small Bytes' delights virtual visitors on Thursday, May 7*

**Denver, May 5, 2020** – Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art is proud to debut its third virtual exhibition, [Art in Small Bytes](#), another digital experience intended to amuse, inform and leave the viewer wanting more. *Art in Small Bytes* can be accessed online beginning Thursday, May 7.

While social distancing at home, more time is spent with digital bytes of data to connect and learn virtually. A “byte” is a unit of digital information made of zeros and ones that represents a character such as a letter or number. As in the computer world of bits and bytes, Kirkland Museum groups smaller pieces together to create a larger, unified whole referred to as a vignette.

For this virtual exhibition, Kirkland Museum disassembled a vignette grouping of period objects and artworks in the museum into smaller pieces. The public is invited to take a deep dive and “byte” into the Italian Modern vignette from Modern Gallery 7 to get a better taste of the collection.

“As we continue to stay home keeping ourselves and one another healthy, you’ve probably noticed a significant increase in the amount of digital information you consume daily,” states Kirkland Museum’s Associate Museum Director Renée Albiston. “If you must spend time online, spend it expanding your knowledge of beautiful objects, such as those featured in *Art in Small Bytes*.”

*Art in Small Bytes* provides information and images featuring objects by designers such as Gio Ponti and Ico & Luisa Parisi alongside works by Colorado artists.

“Modern Italian design is known for its often vivid colors, flamboyant, sculptural shapes and imaginative uses of materials,” notes Kirkland Museum Founding Director & Curator Hugh Grant.

Other virtual exhibitions still on view include [Pull Up a Chair](#) and [Process and Print](#). Kirkland Museum’s virtual exhibitions can be accessed at [kirklandmuseum.org/virtual-exhibitions/](http://kirklandmuseum.org/virtual-exhibitions/).

For more information, please visit [kirklandmuseum.org](http://kirklandmuseum.org). A digital press kit is available here [kirklandmuseum.org/about-us/press/](http://kirklandmuseum.org/about-us/press/).

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**About Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art:**

Kirkland Museum is dedicated to enriching lives by presenting art and design in a unique and approachable way. The Museum is rediscovering, documenting, collecting, preserving and exhibiting works from over 150 years, beginning in the mid-19th century, of Colorado's distinguished art history, international decorative art and the works of Vance Kirkland (1904–1981). The Museum serves the general public and scholars through exhibitions, the loan of works and public programs.