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LOS ANGELES NEXT STOP FOR ICONIC: BLACK PANTHER ART EXHIBIT OPENING APRIL 8, 2017

Sepia Collective and the Gregorio Escalante Gallery Present the Group Art Exhibit

(Los Angeles, CA). Everything is the same; but different. The enduring social justice legacy of The Black Panthers is still relevant. SEPIA Collective's **ICONIC: Black Panther** group art exhibit will open in Los Angeles April 8, 2017 at the **Gregorio Escalante Gallery**, 978 Chung Kind Road, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The opening reception for the Los Angeles installation of the exhibit is April 8, 2017 from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. Fifty years of an iconic legacy in American history will be celebrated with artwork from over forty artists. "The beauty of this show is that it allows different perspectives to interpret the impact of the Black Panthers in their own particular way, Los Angeles co-curator Susu Attar explains. "It brings together people who believe in social justice even if it is not directly affecting them."

A partial list of artists includes: Sundus Abdul Hadi, Pilar Aguero-Esparza, Jessica Alazraki, April Banks, Lili Bernard, Jonathan Blackwell, Aise Bourne, Anne Carmack, Chuck D, Justin Dixon, Kristen Downing, Emory Douglas, Shepard Fairey, Mark Steven Greenfield, Jorge R. Gutierrez, Zeal Harris, F. Scott Hess, Samira Idroos, February James, Akinsanya Kambon, Dr. Samella Lewis, Michael Massenburg, Ryan McCann, Mohammed Mubarak, Noni Olabisi, Toni Scott, Ali Al Sharji, Laurel Shear, Dewey Tafoya, Tsilil Tsemet, Lexx Valdez, Lauren YS. Shepard Fairey describes the significance of the Black Panther Party to artists, "Without their iconic style and imagery, ranging from the Panther logo, to the uniform of turtleneck, beret, and leather jacket, to the graphic images of Emory Douglas, the Black Panther Party may not have captured the interest and imaginations of people around the world who were inspired to take a closer look at the issues and philosophies the party represented. I have found tremendous creative inspiration in the iconography of the Black Panther Party."

About the exhibit: *ICONIC: Black Panther* is multi-city fine art exhibit produced by SEPIA Collective. The show debuted in Oakland in October 2016. Each city will host a curated exhibit featuring primarily local artists along with internationally renowned artists and original art from founding Black Panthers. Several community events are planned throughout the month of April. The Los Angeles installation is presented by SEPIA Collective, Gregorio Escalante Gallery and the Zack de la Rocha Gallery in association with Road to Artdom.

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