

# PLAINS ART MUSEUM

## Plains Art Museum Shows the Simple can be Complex in *This is Not Black and White*

### Press Release

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Fargo, North Dakota – Plains Art Museum demonstrates how everything is more complex than it appears in its permanent collection exhibition, *This is Not Black and White*, open from June 24, 2023 through June 24, 2024 in the Museum's Jane L. Stern Gallery.

The exhibition works reflect a diversity of place, ethnicity, culture, gender, and medium, but are aesthetically linked by artistic use of strong blacks and whites. Building on this diversity, *This is Not Black and White* employs equally complex interpretive approaches that are expansive rather than constrained by the didactic. While we often think of black and white concepts as minimal, the viewer is invited to move beyond the surface of artworks and see the nuanced layers of complexity, philosophical insight, critical inquiry, and truth-seeking. Building upon the Museum's partnership with Art Bridges, guests are welcome to enter the gallery and employ their own experiences and relations to the works on the walls.

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Plains Art Museum is the largest art museum in the Dakotas and Western Minnesota. It is general admission free and educationally-focused thanks to strong and growing support from over 800 households and businesses. The Museum manages a permanent collection of over 4,000 objects, organizes and presents dozens of annual exhibitions, facilitates public art projects, and leads over 200 educational programs and experiences for all ages each year. The Museum and its Katherine Kilbourne Burgum Center for Creativity are located at 704 First Avenue North in downtown Fargo. For more information about visiting or supporting your art museum, visit [plainsart.org](http://plainsart.org).



Chakaia Booker, *Untitled*, 2022, Lithograph, 24 x 30 in. Permanent Collection

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