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CALL FOR PLEIN AIR ARTISTS: Winter Park Paint Out, April 19 to 25, 2020 Deadline for entry is Friday, November 1, 2019, at 5 p.m. EST

WINTER PARK, Fla. –The Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens will host the 12th annual Winter Park Paint Out from April 19 to 25, 2020. Each year, 25 professionally-acclaimed *plein air* artists are selected for this prestigious Central Florida festival. The Winter Park Paint Out is a juried event which encourages all *plein air* artists over 18 to apply, welcoming both local and out-of-state participants. Artists in the 11th annual festival created 200+ paintings, 108 of which sold for more than \$86,000.

Artists will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Artistic merit and skill exhibited in three submitted *plein air* images
- Application materials
- Ability to represent the Polasek Museum, the City of Winter Park, Orange County, and the State
 of Florida through plein air art
- Commitment to support the Winter Park Paint Out with time and involvement during the entire week of the event

To apply, download an application at www.winterparkpaintout.org. Please complete the application and return via email to info@winterparkpaintout.org. Artists will be required to submit three recent plein air images, an artist statement, a short bio, and a link to their website.

Applications must be received no later than Friday, November 1, 2019, at 5 p.m. EST. No late entries or other formats will be considered. Letters or materials sent via mail or hand-delivered will not be accepted.

About the Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens: Founded in 1961, the Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Gardens preserves the 200+ piece collection of world-renowned Czech-American sculptor Albin Polasek (1879-1965). Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the museum offers guided tours of Polasek's home, studio, and sculpture gardens. Thousands of visitors each year come from all over the world to be inspired by Polasek's story of emigrating to the United States in 1901, becoming a celebrated artist, and continuing to create monumental works of art from his wheelchair after suffering a debilitating stroke at age 70. The museum is also home to the historic 1885 Capen House that was saved from demolition, renovated, and opened to the public in 2015.

For more information on the Winter Park Paint Out, visit <u>winterparkpaintout.org</u> or find the festival on <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>. The Polasek is proud to be a part of #wpinspires, arts and culture in the City of Winter Park.



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