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## Polasek Museum to Host 12th Annual Winter Park Paint Out– April 19 to 25, 2020 Acclaimed Artists to Paint in Plein Air Festival, 10+ Free Events, Art Sale at Polasek Gallery

WINTER PARK, Fla. –The Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens will host the twelfth annual Winter Park Paint Out Plein Air Festival from April 19 to 25, 2020. The museum, sculpture gardens, and gallery will be free to the public during the week-long event. Twenty-five professionally-acclaimed *plein air* artists will paint at the Polasek Museum and locations nearby with art lovers invited watch the artists at work, view their recently completed paintings in the gallery, and attend free painting demonstrations. Artwork created during the Winter Park Paint Out will be available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds going to support the preservation, maintenance, and operation of the museum and gardens.

More than ten free instructional demos with the artists at the Polasek Museum and nearby locations will take place during the week of the event. The festival closes with the Winter Park Paint Out Garden Party on Saturday, April 25, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Polasek Museum. At this ticketed event, guests can meet the artists, purchase their work, and see the entire exhibition of more than 200 paintings while enjoying excellent food and company.

The Winter Park Paint Out also includes free art education for underserved students and an emerging artist program to mentor a local up-and-comer in the genre of *plein air*.

Visit <u>winterparkpaintout.org</u> for more information. You can also follow the Winter Park Paint Out on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>. To become a sponsor or patron, e-mail <u>info@winterparkpaintout.org</u> or call 407-960-4719.

The Winter Park Paint Out is supported by Orange County Government through the Arts & Cultural Affairs Program, United Arts of Central Florida, and the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs.

**About the Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens:** Founded in 1961, the Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens features guided tours of the world-renowned Czech-American sculptor's home and studio, his exquisite works of art, and serene gardens as well as rotating gallery exhibits, educational programming, and the restored 1885 Capen House. Polasek was a 2004 Florida Artists Hall of Fame recipient, and his home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The museum is also home to the historic 1885 Capen-Showalter House that was saved from demolition, renovated, and re-opened to the public as an event and meeting space in 2015.

For more information, visit polasek.org or follow the Polasek Museum on Facebook and Instagram.

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