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**Polasek Museum Announces Plans to Reopen to the Public**

*Lakeside Sculpture Garden to Reopen June 2; Gallery to Reopen June 9, 2020*

WINTER PARK, Fla. – The Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens plans to reopen its lakeside sculpture gardens on Tuesday, June 2, and its exhibition gallery on Tuesday, June 9, with limited hours. Albin Polasek’s historic home and the Capen House will remain closed until further notice.

**To ensure safety of visitors and staff, masks are required to visit the museum interior and visitors will be required to keep a 6-foot distance between parties at all times inside and outside. Due to social distancing requirements, capacity in the gallery will be limited.**

This announcement is subject to change. Please visit [www.polasek.org](http://www.polasek.org) for the most current information. For general inquiries about hours and restrictions, please e-mail [info@polasek.org](mailto:info@polasek.org). For event rental inquiries, e-mail [event@polasek.org](mailto:event@polasek.org).

The museum’s summer exhibition, *The Puerto Rican Artist Collective, Keepers of Heritage: Evolving Identities*, will be on view in the Polasek gallery. Keepers of Heritage is a Central Florida-based group of professional artists who represent Puerto Rico through their art. The exhibition includes paintings, mixed media, and sculpture by Keepers of Heritage members that honor their cultural roots as members of the Puerto Rican diaspora. This exhibition is made possible by a grant from Duke Energy through United Arts of Central Florida.

**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. The Albin Polasek Museum hosts the annual Winter Park Paint Out Plein Air Festival held every April. For more information, visit [polasek.org](http://polasek.org) or find us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). The Polasek is proud to be a part of #wpinspires, arts and culture in the City of Winter Park.

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