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Polasek Museum Announces Upcoming Exhibition - Runs May 6 – August 17, 2025 Je, Niko Huru? Threads of Freedom: Njeri Kinuthia

WINTER PARK, FL – The Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens is very pleased to announce our upcoming exhibition *Je, Niko Huru? Threads of Freedom* showcasing the works of multi-media artist Njeri Kinuthia. The exhibition will be on view in the Polasek Gallery May 6 – August 17, 2025, with most pieces available for purchase.

Njeri Kinuthia draws inspiration from her life experience growing up in a small village in Kenya. Through her artwork, she explores her experiences and growing unease with the social norms that confine women in a patriarchal society.

Focusing on self-portraiture, Kinuthia utilizes multiple materials and mediums, inserting herself into her works on her own terms. Her compositions often depict female figures with tightly woven fabrics wrapped around their head and faces, evoking feelings of suffocation to symbolize women's oppression. Her distinctive style incorporates colorful and vibrant textiles from Kenya, along with donated repurposed fabrics from local women's organizations.

The Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens is honored to exhibit Njeri Kinuthia's unique creations that challenge the relationship between cultural traditions and personal identity, encouraging viewers to reflect, challenge, and ultimately defy the limitations imposed upon them by society.

Programs will include artist lectures, demonstrations, and community youth programs.

For high-resolution images, contact Kaley Craig at marketing@polasek.org.

This exhibition is supported by Orange County Art & Cultural Affairs and 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 (1871-1965). 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, visit <u>polasek.org</u> or find us 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.