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**Polasek Museum Sponsors Quick Draw Competition at Winter Park Earth Day Celebration
*Amateurs and Professionals Welcome to Participate in Outdoor Painting Event***

WINTER PARK, Fla. –For the second year in a row, the Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens will sponsor a Quick Draw Competition at the City of Winter Park’s Earth Day in the Park on Sunday, April 9, 2017, from 11 to 3 p.m. The *plein air*, or outdoor, painting competition is open to both amateurs and professionals age 16 and up.

Artists in the competition have only two hours to complete their work. During this time, all registered participants will set up their supplies and paint or draw in downtown Winter Park. Blank canvases will be stamped the morning of the event to ensure that all paintings are created during the limited timeframe. After the paintings are completed, they will be displayed on the artists’ easels in Central Park for an Art Stroll from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The public will vote for their favorite piece to win the People’s Choice Award. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: First Prize - \$250; Second Prize - \$150; Third Prize - \$75; People’s Choice - \$100, sponsored by the City of Winter Park.

Quick Draw Schedule:

- 9 to 10 a.m. – Mandatory artist check-in and canvas stamping at Albin Polasek Museum’s booth in Central Park
- 10 a.m. – Start horn will sound. Artists have until 12 noon to paint within the Park Avenue / Central Park area or within walking distance
- 12 noon – End horn will sound
- 12 noon to 12:30 p.m. – Artists return to registration area and drop off their finished work
- 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. – Art Stroll and “People’s Choice Award” voting
- 2:30 p.m. – Judging (Closed to public)
- 2:45 p.m. – Award presentation located on the East Stage near Garfield Avenue
- 3 p.m. – Artists pick up their painting and easel

Registration is limited for the Quick Draw Competition and costs \$35. Sign up at polasek.org/quickdraw by April 8, 2017, at 5 p.m.

The Earth Day Quick Draw Competition is a lead-up event to the Albin Polasek Museum’s signature annual event, the Winter Park Paint Out *plein air* festival. The 9th Annual Winter Park Paint out will be held from April 23 to 29, 2017, with an entire week of free programming and events. Visit winterparkpaintout.org for more information and a schedule of events.



About the Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens: Founded in 1961, the Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Gardens holds an art collection focusing primarily on American representational sculpture, with more than 200 works by Czech-born American sculptor Albin Polasek. The museum offers guided tours of the historic Polasek residence and chapel, an outdoor sculpture garden and a gift shop. The museum was the retirement home of Polasek until his death in 1965. 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.

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