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Polasek Museum Hosts Successful Haitian Mardi Gras Event and Free Open House

WINTER PARK, Fla. –The Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens hosted a Haitian Mardi Gras Event and free open house day on Sunday, February 26. This event was one of three programming offerings associated with the museum’s current gallery exhibit, Contemporary Visions of Frantz Zéphirin: Haitian Mystic.

Nearly 300 attendees enjoyed free all-day events including viewing the current exhibit, hands-on art activities, face-painting, music provided by Radio Haiti Tropical AM 1480, and live painting by local Haitian artist Patrick Noze. Community partners Ten Thousand Villages and the Writer’s Block Bookstore of Winter Park showcased fair-trade Haitian crafts and books. Scheduled events during the day included a student dance performance by the Haitian American Art Network, a presentation by St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church on Haitian outreach efforts, and a performance by the Haitian band 3D. Haitian cuisine was offered by K.A.M. Catering.

For more information about upcoming events at the Polasek, visit polasek.org/exhibitevents.

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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