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SECOND ANNUAL CANVAS OUTDOOR MUSEUM SHOW OPENS IN DOWNTOWN WEST PALM BEACH

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (November 11, 2016) --- Today marks the dramatic start of CANVAS, the nation's largest outdoor museum show. More than 20 acclaimed artists from around the world have assembled in Downtown West Palm Beach to transform five acres of the city's streets and the green space along scenic Flagler Dr. into a world-class outdoor museum. All are invited to watch the show unfold over the 10-day exhibition (November 11 to 20).

This year's CANVAS will reimagine vacant, city-owned lots into imaginative, interactive, art-filled parks. The four parks -- Kids Art Park, Chamber Park, Installation Park, and Museum Park -- will feature monumental shipping containers and art installations, interactive sculptures, a creative playground, pop-up shops and more.

"CANVAS is leaving a permanent footprint this year for visitors to enjoy year-round. It's very exciting to bring this caliber of public art to the heart of Downtown West Palm Beach to define our thriving Arts and Entertainment District," said CANVAS founder and curator, Nicole Henry. "When curating this year's show, artists were selected based on their innovative ideas and interactive components to their work. We really want visitors to experience and interact with the art in the parks."

The impressive lineup of CANVAS artists include Amanda Valdes; Astro; Case Maclain; Greg Mike; Griffin Loop; HEC One Love; Hoxxoh; Hula; HYBYCOZO; Laura Kimpton; Lonac; Lori Pratico; PichiAvo; Pipsqueak was here!!!; Sipros; WRDSMTH; and Zeus. Each artist will embrace this year's theme of "connection," and what connection means to an artist and to the creative experience.

Visitors will be able to pose by 14-ft laser-cut sculpture installations and view eye-popping murals on 40-ft monumental shipping containers. Other highlights include the outdoor classroom and an art-inspired playground, graciously funded in part by John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Fund of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties and Knight Foundation program director, Lilly Weinberg.

"In addition to bringing world-renowned artists and visitors to our area, CANVAS is encouraging residents to interact and connect with their surroundings and their community, while dynamically activating underutilized areas of the city," said West Palm Beach Mayor Jeri Muoio. "This type of visionary attraction coupled with our own community engagement allows us to realize West Palm Beach as an international destination."

Visitors are encouraged to download the free CANVAS Outdoor Museum app from the Apple or Android stores for a self-guided tour of this year's exhibition. A map of exhibit locations as well as artist information can be found at canvaswpb.org. CANVAS will be augmented by a series of free and ticketed events to benefit CANVAS Art Charities, a non-profit organization dedicated to funding visual arts to enrich public spaces and foster social and economic outcomes.

CANVAS schedule of events:

- Nov. 11, 7:00 – 11 p.m. – CANVAS Local Showdown
- Nov. 12, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. – CANVAS Outdoor Classroom Workshop with Armory Art Center
- Nov. 12, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – CANVAS Sip + Stir
- Nov. 13, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – CANVAS Kids Day
- Nov. 18, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. – CANVAS Art + Fashion Engaged featuring Marchesa Trunk Show (invitation only)
- Nov. 20, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – CANVAS 'Be Art' Closing Brunch

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit www.canvaswpb.org.

About CANVAS Outdoor Museum Show

Billed as the nation's largest outdoor museum show, CANVAS brings together the most innovative contemporary artists, collectors, and art influencers from around the world. CANVAS is the creative vision of gallerist Nicole Henry, and supported by the West Palm Beach Downtown Development Authority and West Palm Beach Arts & Entertainment District, the West Palm Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, Nicole Henry Fine Art, West Palm Beach Art in Public Places, Atlas Real Estate Partners, GliddenSpina + Partners, Related & Hilton West Palm Beach "Official Hotel Partner," Downtown Abacoa "Artist Residency Sponsor," and Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary "Official Art Fair Partner." For more information about CANVAS, visit canvaswpb.org

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