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**CALL FOR ARTISTS: “Arabesque: Contemporary Conversations”**  
**Summer 2018 Exhibit at the Polasek Museum to Explore Modern Islamic Art**  
Application deadline for entry is 5:00 PM EST on Thursday, March 1, 2018

WINTER PARK, Fla. – The Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens is now accepting submissions for “Arabesque: Contemporary Conversations,” an exhibit to run in partnership with the Islamic Artists of Orlando from May 8 to August 19, 2018.

Traditional Islamic works call to mind ancient art and architecture decorated with interlacing natural elements and geometric lines known as arabesque. These stylized designs are often tiled or seamlessly repeated. This exhibit will explore what modern Islamic art looks like, and submitted works should explore what “arabesque” means to artists today. All mediums are welcome.

Artists will be required to submit two images of each piece, a short bio, and an object description with how their works relates to exhibit theme. Out-of-area artists are encouraged to apply, but all shipping costs and arrangements are the sole responsibility of the artist.

To apply, visit [polasek.org/callforartists](http://polasek.org/callforartists) and follow the application instructions. Contact Curator Rachel Frisby at [rfrisby@polasek.org](mailto:rfrisby@polasek.org) with any questions.

**The deadline for entry is March 1, 2018 at 5 p.m. EST. No late entries will be accepted.**

**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. The Polasek Museum hosts the annual Winter Park Paint Out *plein air* festival each April.

For more information, visit [polasek.org](http://polasek.org) or find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), 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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