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FAU University Galleries Presents Family Art Day

BOCA RATON, Fla. (September 7, 2018) – The University Galleries at Florida Atlantic University’s Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters presents “Family Art Day” on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Schmidt Center Gallery and the Ritter Art Galleries, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton campus. The event is designed for children ages 5 to 12 and their adult family members, and is free and open to the public.

At “Family Art Day,” children and their families will have the opportunity to discover and engage with works by the 12 artists featured in “New Art: 2018 South Florida Cultural Consortium Visual and Media Artist Fellowship Exhibition.” This annual exhibition features painting, photography, film/video and mixed media works by new and emerging artists from four southeastern Florida counties who have won the prestigious and highly competitive “South Florida Consortium” grant.

Activities planned for the event include hands-on art making stations, scavenger hunts in both galleries and interactive guided tours led by FAU art students employing a technique that engages children in discovering works of art through their eyes, experiences and opinions. Participating FAU students work for the University Galleries’ Artist Mentorship Program (AMP), a program providing art activities in area after school settings or are students enrolled in FAU’s Department of Visual Arts and Art History’s Museum Studies and Gallery Practices course. Adults will be allowed to step back and let AMP mentors and FAU art students immerse the kids in the art or will be welcomed to join them in the fun and learning.

While the Family Art Day program will occur in both galleries (the galleries are a five-minute walk from one another), attendees may begin at either the Schmidt Center Gallery that is located in the Performing Arts building (building No. 51 marked by a tall, white cubicle tower) or the Ritter Gallery, located in the Beezeway on the second floor. Parking is available to the

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east of the Performing Arts building and the Visual Arts building (building No. 53) in a four-story parking garage. FAU is located one-half mile east of I-95 on Glades Road.

For more information about Family Art Day or to RSVP to attend, email Khaulah Naima Nuruddin at knuruddin2013@fau.edu. For more information about the University Galleries, call 561-297-2661 or visit www.fau.edu/galleries.

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About Florida Atlantic University:

Florida Atlantic University, established in 1961, officially opened its doors in 1964 as the fifth public university in Florida. Today, the University, with an annual economic impact of \$6.3 billion, serves more than 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students at sites throughout its six-county service region in southeast Florida. FAU's world-class teaching and research faculty serves students through 10 colleges: the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, the College of Business, the College for Design and Social Inquiry, the College of Education, the College of Engineering and Computer Science, the Graduate College, the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing and the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. FAU is ranked as a High Research Activity institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The University is placing special focus on the rapid development of three signature themes – marine and coastal issues, biotechnology and contemporary societal challenges – which provide opportunities for faculty and students to build upon FAU's existing strengths in research and scholarship. For more information, visit www.fau.edu.