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**PALM BEACH MODERN + CONTEMPORARY FAIR PRESENTED BY ART MIAMI SELECTS
ANN NORTON SCULPTURE GARDENS AS CULTURAL PARTNER**
*Gardens to showcase monumental works of Sophie Ryder as satellite venue for PBM+C
Fair*

(WEST PALM BEACH) In an extension of the Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary Art Fair's 2017 launch in downtown West Palm Beach, the Fair's Art Miami ownership team announced its newly inked agreement with the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens to serve as satellite venue and exclusive cultural partner for the Fair's January 12-15 run.

The new partnership agreement positions the Gardens as an outdoor venue for the Fair's next three years – kicking off in 2017 with an exhibit of PBM+C artist Sophie Ryder's monumental works.

"We were honored the City of West Palm Beach selected the Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary Fair to kick off the Art Fair season," said Nick Korniloff, director and partner for Art Miami Group. "And we are thrilled to partner with the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens to extend our reach in this important market. As the first Fair on the calendar during the height of Palm Beach's collecting season, we are committed to launching and producing a carefully-curated, rich-in-content, quality new art fair, allowing collectors, institutions, curators and art advisors to buy with confidence.

"By partnering with a renowned and beloved local cultural institution like the Gardens," continued Korniloff, "we not only extend the 65,000-square-foot pavilion space serving as our Fair's downtown venue, but we also introduce new audiences to the Gardens and showcase new artists like British sculptor Sophie Ryder in a magical setting."

The historic Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, Inc. is a nonprofit organization established in 1977 by the prominent sculptor Ann Weaver Norton (1905-1982). Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the 2-acre sanctuary is comprised of rare palm and sculpture gardens, Ann Norton's historic home, exhibition galleries and Norton's own Wyeth-designed artist studio.

The Gardens will kick off the special exhibit during the Fair's run and extend the showcase of 16 of Ryder's monumental and small-scale works in the Gardens through April 2017.

"This partnership with Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary presented by Art Miami reflects the Gardens' new positioning as a destination for serious collectors of important art," said Sally Soter, ANSG board member and chairman of the art committee. "The ANSG historic home and gardens have always served the community with exhibitions by mainly local artists. This new initiative will allow us to attract national and international works at the highest level. Palm Beach is host to a community of dedicated collectors who not only visit the region during the international fairs, but also call Palm Beach home during the winter months. We look forward to bringing new works to them and showcasing blue-chip talent along with emerging artists in this beautiful setting. Sophie Ryder is a

perfect fit to launch this new direction. Her works will all be available for sale, with a percentage benefitting the mission of the Gardens.”

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Ryder's work has long been a feature of the British cultural landscape, most recently in a magnificent exhibition at Salisbury Cathedral. She has also established an enviable reputation in America, with local collectors eagerly anticipating the opportunity to view her monumental pieces in a natural Florida setting. Represented in the U.S. by New York-based gallery Waterhouse & Dodd, her work is instantly recognizable -- with her love of animals emphasized in her depictions of rabbits, horses and dogs, constant companions in her life as well as her sculpture. "Sophie Ryder: Rising" premieres in New York

from December 9th to January 28th, before it heads to West Palm Beach. The exhibition at ANSG will be her first small museum exhibit in the U.S.

Ryder will attend a VIP opening reception at the Gardens on January 11, exclusive only to members of the ANSG. She will also present an artist talk and book signing open to the public on January 14 at 11 a.m. and attend a private breakfast earlier that morning in honor of PBM+C leadership, gallerists and collectors. Her works will be installed in the ANSG gardens and Ann Norton artist studio in early January and remain on exhibit and for sale through the end of April 2017.

“Sophie’s works are simply enchanting,” said Frances Fisher, ANSG board chairman, “and I can’t help but be reminded of the similarities between a petite and profound sculptor like Sophie Ryder and Ann Norton’s own small frame and giant works. I think Ann would have been so pleased to see her Gardens showcase other artists among its winding paths and lush palms. Sophie is the perfect artist to kick off our inaugural launch of this new Art Miami cultural partnership. It’s a great honor to welcome Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary to a new home in West Palm Beach and here at the Gardens, and we look forward to working with the Fair’s leadership as they introduce incredible new artists to our market.”

Located at 2051 South Flagler Drive in downtown West Palm Beach, the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens are open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entrance fees are free for members, \$15 for non-member adults, \$10 for seniors (age 65 and older), \$7 for students, and children under five are free. During the exhibition, an ANSG curator will be available to answer questions on Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. The Gardens are also available for private events and are closed on major holidays. For more information, please visit www.ansg.org or call 561-832-5328.

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ABOUT PALM BEACH MODERN + CONTEMPORARY PRESENTED BY ART MIAMI:

From January 12-15 in downtown West Palm Beach, Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary will provide a fresh opportunity to acquire important never-before-exhibited investment quality works from both the primary and secondary markets in an intimate setting. The Fair will cater to both seasoned and new art collectors who are looking to experience the best of what the global contemporary and modern art market has to offer. Palm Beach Modern & Contemporary is produced by the Art Miami Group, the largest and most experienced, professional art fair management, marketing and

promotional team in America, consisting of art and media industry veterans Nick Korniloff, Mike Tansey and Brian Tyler. The ownership team also produces Art Miami, CONTEXT Art Miami, Aqua Art Miami, Art Wynwood, Art New York, CONTEXT New York, Art Southampton and Art Silicon Valley/San Francisco Fairs.