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**ANN NORTON SCULPTURE GARDENS CARVES OUT ‘CELEBRATING BOAZ VAADIA (1951 – 2017)’
*Late artist’s sculptures an extension of the PBM+C Art Fair beginning January 11, 2018***

(West Palm Beach, Fla) – The carved and stacked stone works of art by the late Boaz Vaadia will be on display throughout Ann Norton’s home and gardens when *Celebrating Boaz Vaadia (1951 – 2017)* debuts at ANSG on January 11, 2018. Presented by Wilmington Trust, the exhibition will be on display with Vaadia’s signature works all for sale through April 29, 2018.

In conjunction with the exhibition, Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens is partnering, for the second year in a row, with Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary (PBM+C) to extend its Art Fair’s 65,000-square-foot pavilion space. The Fair, in downtown West Palm Beach, will run from January 11 through January 15, with complimentary trolley service to ANSG through the duration of the Fair.

“We are thrilled to once again be the official cultural partner and satellite venue for the PBM+C Art Fair, showcasing Vaadia’s large scale sculptures, which are perfectly suited for outdoor spaces and gardens,” said Dr. Roger Ward, President and CEO of Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens. “We are honored to display Vaadia’s works and celebrate his impactful life as an artist. We are most grateful to the Sponder Gallery of Boca Raton, Vaadia’s representative in South Florida for decades, for providing us with this marvelous and moving exhibition.”

Those wishing to get a sneak peek of Vaadia’s works, can also attend the opening night celebration on January 10, 2018, at the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens. During the gala reception, guests will have the opportunity to preview the artist’s intriguing stone and bronze works while being treated to a performance by legendary Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and six-time Grammy award winning musician and artist Jason Newsted.

Leadership for the exhibition include Host Committee Chairmen Paul L. and Gayle Gross with members Robert and Maureen Bauchman, Susan L. Cain, Nick Korniloff and Pamela Cohen, Jeffrey and Frances Fisher, David and Becky Gochman, Carole-Ann Levine, Beryl Schneider, Donald and Linda Silpe, Bill and Sally Soter and N. Deborah Stapler.

Boaz Vaadia, who died in early 2017 at the age of 65, was born in Gat Rimon, Israel and attended the Avni Institute of Fine Arts in Tel Aviv. He moved to New York in 1975 and studied at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. Vaadia is best known for the figurative sculptures he made by carving and stacking stones he found in the area surrounding his New York studio. His timeless works were inspired by the stratified layers of Manhattan’s bedrock and therefore the formal composition of his sculptures is a corollary to the source of the stone itself. His works can be found in the collections of institutions such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, San Francisco MoMA, the Bass Museum of Art and the Tel Aviv Museum.

In addition to Wilmington Trust, sponsors for *Celebration Boaz Vaadia (1951-2017)* include Wilmington Trust, Birthright Israel Foundation, Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary, and The Estate of Antje L. Farber.

The historic Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, Inc., is a recognized 501(c)(3) organization, established in 1977 by Ann Weaver Norton (1905-1982) to preserve the Historically Registered house and surrounding gardens in West Palm Beach, Florida, where the artist lived from 1948 until 1982. The rare palm and cycad gardens, Norton's monumental sculptures, exhibition galleries and studio offer visitors a unique opportunity to experience the sculptor's holistic vision in its original setting. Located at 2051 S. Flagler Drive in the historic El Cid neighborhood of West Palm Beach, ANSG is open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Normal admission to ANSG is free for members, \$15 for non-member adults, \$10 for seniors (age 65 and older), \$7 for students, and children under five are free. Tickets for the opening night reception of *Celebrating Boaz Vaadia (1951 – 2017)* on January 10th are \$250 per person. Gallery and garden exhibition talks are available on Wednesdays at 11 a.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. For more information on ANSG, please visit www.ansg.org or call 561-832-5328. For more information on PBM+C, please visit www.artpbfair.com.

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