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**New Public Art Installation on Display in the City of Wilton Manors**

**Wilton Manors, FL (May 16, 2023)** – The [City of Wilton Manors](#), home to over two dozen public art installations, welcomed Hunt Slonem’s Thunderbunny to the Island City, which is now on display for all to enjoy at Justin Flippen Park (2109 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305).

“Public art is fun and inspiring, and we are so grateful to Hunt Slonem and Lisa Burgess at New River Fine Art for generously loaning us Thunderbunny,” said Wilton Manors Mayor Scott Newton. “I hope everyone will stop by and visit this 13-foot iconic sculpture as they stroll Wilton Drive- it’s certainly something that will brighten their day.”

Slonem’s Thunderbunny was created in 2021 and is a teal, glass mosaic, 13-foot bunny that has been featured across the country. An internationally renowned neo-expressionist artist, Slonem is known for his series of bunnies, butterflies, and tropical birds- some of the native animals found right here in our South Florida community.

“This sculpture, born from an early mosaic piece I created for a West Palm Beach building, has been years in the making, with its Floridian origins lending it a profound connection,” said Slonem. “I’m thrilled by the perfect fit my work finds in Florida, and the sheer ecstasy I feel knowing it will grace Wilton Manors in a monumental scale. Mosaic, a medium I’ve revisited, will take center stage in my upcoming botanical garden shows next year. This opportunity to share my art brings immense joy and gratitude.”

Slonem’s work has been featured in museums across the globe, including the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, the Whitney, the Miro Foundation, and the New Orleans Museum of Art.

Thunderbunny will remain on display at Justin Flippen Park in the City of Wilton Manors through April 2024. To learn more about public art installations in Wilton Manors, visit <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=127>.

**ABOUT THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS**

Wilton Manors was laid out in 1925 by Edward John “Ned” Willingham, a land developer from Georgia, as an upscale residential community. It was recognized as a village in 1947 and incorporated as a city in 1953. Today, the City of Wilton Manors offers all the benefits of a big city from shopping, to hip restaurants and bars, a burgeoning arts community, and tons of community events, yet still maintains a cozy, community feeling offering miles of natural waterways perfect for kayaking, paddle boarding, and other outdoor activities. In 2018, Wilton Manors was named the “Second Gayest City” in the United States, celebrating a diverse population of approximately 12,000



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