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## NASSAU MUSEUM RE-OPENS JULY 8 Spectacular New Exhibition Features Picasso, Matisse, Miró, Yves Klein and others Timed ticketing open online now at nassaumuseum.org

Roslyn Harbor, New York 11576--The Nassau Museum re-opens on July 8 with a spectacular new exhibition that includes work by Picasso, Matisse, Miró, Helen Frankenthaler, Yves Klein and many other major artists. A new timed ticketing and touch-free entry system, along with safety protocols, ensure the safety and comfort of visitors. The Museum will limit capacity and use signage and staff monitoring to make sure distancing is observed, and has instituted a new cleaning regimen as well as health screening for staff and volunteers.

The innovative new show boldly ventures into the many meanings of the world's most popular color: Blue. It includes several important artists of our time, including Jeffrey Gibson, Mark Innerst and Sean Scully. It brings together a wide range of media, from sculpture, paintings, prints, photographs and watercolors through ceramics (including Moroccan tiles, Chinese Ming porcelain, Turkish vessels and Japanese claire de lune porcelain), textiles and even a United Nations helmet. The exhibition is accompanied by a fully illustrated catalogue, print and online editions, written by the curator Charles A. Riley II, PhD, which includes an anthology of literary texts by such writers as Wallace Stevens, Stephane Mallarmé, Jean Cocteau, A.S. Byatt, Georg Trakl and Marcel Proust. Programming for the show, both online and in person, includes a specially commissioned ballet by the artist Han Qin, a concert of works specially composed for the art in the show, lectures and a director's seminar series. "We are thrilled to open the Museum to our community again with this beautiful and serene show, an oasis of serenity and beauty that is sorely needed," says Angela S. Anton, president of the Museum board of trustees.

The Museum returns to its regular hours, Tuesday-Sunday from 11 am until 5 pm. Visitors are urged to buy their timed tickets in advance online at nassaumuseum.org. Only visitors wearing masks will be permitted to enter, and distancing guidelines will be enforced. During quarantine, the Museum has been busy online, providing educational materials and classes for families and teachers that have been explored by thousands of art lovers. For those unable to visit now, these enhanced online offerings, including a virtual tour and guide to the current show, are available at Nassaumuseum.org. As a service to the community, the Museum kept its 145 acres of grounds open to the public and mobilizing a year-long effort to provide therapeutic help and inspiration for those who have suffered trauma during the pandemic, including survivors, medical personnel and first responders, people with disabilities and their families and friends. To support the initiative and future programs, the Museum launched the Art with Heart campaign, to which donations may be made by texting NCMAHEART to 44321 or online at nassaumuseum.org.

## **About the Museum**

Celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year, the Nassau County Museum of Art is located at One Museum Drive in Roslyn Harbor. The museum is open Tuesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors (62 and above) and \$5 for students and children (4 to12). Media Contact: Charles Riley, (516) 484-9338 x 37, criley@nassaumuseum.org.