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### **Art Gallery 21 in Wilton Manors to Celebrate Barbie 's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday with the "The Art of Barbie: Homage to a Global Icon " Exhibition**

**Wilton Manors, FL** (January 11, 2019) - In celebration of the most famous fashion doll in the world's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, [Art Gallery 21](#) and the City of Wilton Manors will welcome a new exhibit, "The Art of Barbie: Homage to a Global Icon." Everyone is invited to attend the exhibit's grand opening on Saturday, March 9, 2019 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Art Gallery 21 (600 NE 21<sup>st</sup> Ct., Wilton Manors, FL.).

Guests who attend the grand opening will enjoy prizes, party favors and refreshments as they tour the exhibit and mix and mingle with local artists and art lovers. They will also have the opportunity to take selfies with an interactive Barbie installation.

"One cannot deny the cultural relevancy of Barbie dolls to girls, families and artists nationwide," said Constance Ruppender, gallery manager at Art Gallery 21. "Our goal with this exhibit is to create a new opportunity for visitors, artists, doll lovers and the community to experience American culture in a fun way!"

The exhibit, which will run from March 9, 2019 through April 6, 2019, will feature original art by local artists such as Brett Butler, vintage Barbie-inspired artwork created by Wayne Nilson, a 1/6 scale interactive diorama of Barbie created by artist Rodger Helt, and a photography workshop.

On Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 2 to 4 p.m. the "Characters in Search of a Dollhouse" photography workshop will teach participants how to use Barbie in photography and visual-media storytelling. This photography workshop will feature slides, video, various backgrounds and sets, created to showcase the Barbie photography process.

To RSVP for the grand opening on March 9, 2019 or the photography workshop on March 23, 2019 send an email to [artgallery21wcwm@gmail.com](mailto:artgallery21wcwm@gmail.com). "The Art of Barbie: Homage to a Global Icon" exhibition is available for viewing Thursdays through Saturdays from noon to 8 p.m., and admission is free. For more information visit <http://bit.ly/WMBarbie19>.



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### **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 residents. To learn more about the live, work and play opportunities in Wilton Manors call (954) 390-2100 or visit [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com).