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36 SEWARD JOHNSON LIFELIKE BRONZE SCULPTURES EXHIBITED IN STAMFORD DOWNTOWN THIS SUMMER

UC Funds Presents Timeless – The Works of Seward Johnson Stamford Downtown – Summer 2018

“I’ve chosen to sculpt ‘real life’ because in our busy society – filled with so much technology and idle distraction – it’s easy sometimes to forget the simple things that give us pleasure. If we open our eyes, life is marvelous. The human spirit triumphs, if only for moments in a day. I try to have my work call attention to those moments.”

- Seward Johnson

Stamford Downtown, CT – April 11, 2018 - Beginning in June, visitors to Stamford Downtown may be startled by the addition of bronze sculptures so life-like and convincing in appearance that they may be mistaken for actual human beings. These sculptures are the work of American artist Seward Johnson, whose talents will be showcased in the exhibition entitled: *UC Funds presents Timeless – The Works of Seward Johnson in Stamford Downtown*, June through August, 2018.

The exhibition will feature one monumental and 35 life-size sculptures representing two of Johnson’s collections: *Celebrating the Familiar* and *Icons Revisited*. Each sculpture reflects the realism and meticulous attention to detail that are the hallmark of Johnson’s work.

The highlight of this exhibit is the monumentally sized sculpture of Marilyn Monroe. *Forever Marilyn*, sponsored by Avon Theatre Film Center, will be on display in Latham Park on Bedford Street. *Forever Marilyn* is 26 feet tall and weighs 30,000 pounds. She should turn heads as well as start conversations. Marilyn will be installed in Latham Park beginning the morning of June 4. The sculpture itself, as well as the installation process, will be visually stunning and will present an opportunity for spectacular television and still photos when the sculpture arrives and it is hoisted via crane into position.

Seward Johnson is most widely known for his sculptures depicting ordinary people engaged in every day activities. His desire to highlight the mundane in his *Celebrating the Familiar* sculpture series has brought a unique voice to the world of art in public spaces. Installations in Stamford Downtown will portray individuals involved in various activities from walking a dog, reading a newspaper, mariachis in concert, sharing an ice-cream cone and hotdog vending. There will be children playing as well as a mailman on his route. Each sculpture will bring an added dimension to Stamford Downtown.

About The Seward Johnson Atelier and Artist Seward Johnson:

The Seward Johnson Atelier, Inc. was created to promote the appreciation of, and education about, sculpture and public art in general, utilizing the creation, maintenance, sales and public placement of Seward Johnson's artwork as its instrument.

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