

## World-Renowned Artist Hunt Slonem Announces National Debut of His First-Ever Garden Exhibition

*“Huntopia: Bunnies, Birds, & Butterflies” will be unveiled at the San Antonio Botanical Garden from May through early November*

**San Antonio, Texas - Feb. 26, 2024-** In partnership with the [San Antonio Botanical Garden](#) and the Mays Family Foundation, internationally acclaimed artist Hunt Slonem will premiere his first major garden exhibition, *Huntopia: Bunnies, Birds, & Butterflies*. The exhibition, on view May 4 through November 3, 2024, at the San Antonio Botanical Garden, will feature larger than life outdoor sculptural installations emulating the lush and vibrant realm of Slonem’s work.

Across the Garden’s 38-acres, *Huntopia* will include a series of monumental pieces and installations thoughtfully curated with the San Antonio Botanical Garden. The exhibition’s debut celebrates Slonem’s lifelong dream to create an immersive and grand outdoor sculpture experience, marking a pivotal moment in his 50-year career.

**To learn more about *Huntopia: Bunnies, Birds, & Butterflies*, please visit [www.sabot.org/huntopia/](http://www.sabot.org/huntopia/)**

“Botanical gardens fascinate me,” says Artist Hunt Slonem. “Nature is embedded in my soul and I’m thrilled to have the lush canvas of a garden to mix my art with. It’s a project that I’ve wanted to do forever; this is the first time I’ve been able to produce work that will fulfill my dream!”

*Huntopia* began with the artist’s exploration of blown glass sculptures at his Seattle studio in 2020. Inspired by the sculptural glass manifestations of his beloved bunny muses, Slonem’s vision for an entirely new body of work quickly grew into an expansive new era of creativity. The four-year journey required the assistance of studio teams in New York and Seattle, as well as an international assembly of artisans and craftspeople. The artist’s iconic animal muses will manifest in colorful eruptions of sculptural play throughout the garden, taking visitors on a whimsical journey that evokes the wonder and reverence for nature that inspires the artist in his daily painting practice.



“*Huntopia* will fuse a dynamic interplay of art and nature, bringing a new dimension of Slonem’s unique vision to life in our Garden,” said Katherine Trumble, Interim CEO of the San Antonio Botanical Garden. “We are honored to showcase the world premiere of this one-of-a-kind exhibition!”

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### **About Hunt Slonem**

Ever inspired by nature, and his beloved pet birds, Slonem is renowned for his distinct neo-expressionist style and is best known for his series of bunnies, butterflies, and tropical birds as well as his large-scale sculptures and restorations of forgotten historic homes. Since 1977, Slonem has had more than 350 exhibitions at prestigious galleries and museums internationally and his work is in over eighty museum collections worldwide, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, and the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City. The recipient of many honors throughout his career, Slonem has been awarded the MacDowell Fellowship on three separate occasions, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Russian Academy of Art Medal of Merit. The artist resides in New York City.

### **About the San Antonio Botanical Garden**

The mission of the San Antonio Botanical Garden is enriching lives through plants and nature. The San Antonio Botanical Garden features 38 acres of nature spaces located deep in the heart of San Antonio. Daily admission to the San Antonio Botanical Garden is \$18-22 adults; \$16-20 military; \$13-15 children aged 3-13; \$3 Museums for All (with SNAP or WIC EBT card and valid ID). San Antonio Botanical Garden is located at 555 Funston Place at North New Braunfels. Limited free on-site parking is available. The Garden is open year-round except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day. For more information, visit [sabat.org](http://sabat.org) or call 210.536.1400.