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**HOLOCAUST MUSEUM HOUSTON RETURNS WORLD RENOWNED  
'COEXISTENCE' EXHIBITION TO HOUSTON**

**--Free Art in Hermann Park May 2 through May 30--**

**HOUSTON (March 21, 2019)** ... Holocaust Museum Houston (HMH), in partnership with educational, cultural, civic, religious, and corporate communities of greater Houston, is proud to present the return of **Coexistence**, a unique and thought provoking free outdoor art exhibition in Hermann Park along Fannin Street, on view May 2 to May 30, 2019. **Coexistence**, which precedes the much-anticipated June reopening of Holocaust Museum Houston's new Lester and Sue Smith Campus, will also feature spoken word performances and virtual art workshops for students.

First presented by HMH in 2006, the new and expanded **Coexistence** will feature 45 panels of large scale works, measuring 9 feet high and 15 feet wide, created by renowned artists from the United States, Europe, Asia, the UK, Africa, and the Middle East. The featured artists include Yoko Ono, Sharon and Raphie Etgar, Nammala Galada, Jose Rementeria, Lex Drawinski, Shigeo Fukuda, and Letita Bouwer among many others.

The exhibited works will be accompanied by panels featuring quotes from philosophers and leading thinkers in four languages (English, French, German and Spanish) that represent a wide range of concepts and issues that affect human relations as we work to coexist in a global society.

"This exhibition has traveled the world spreading the word of peace and well, coexistence," said Dr. Kelly J. Zúñiga, CEO of Holocaust Museum Houston. "As the nation's most diverse city, we need this message reiterated as we continue to set the harmonious community example for the rest of the country."

**Coexistence** will also feature spoken word performances by Houston area students and performance artist Outspoken Bean, an appearance by [Matthew "Levee" Chavez](#) of New York City's Post-it note *Subway Therapy* fame, and workshops to create poetry at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at Miller Outdoor Theatre. In addition, HMH's NextGen is hosting a free "Yoga and Art in the Park" at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 18 at Hermann Park's Molly Ann Smith Plaza followed by a docent-led tour of the exhibition and a Post-it note "therapy" session with



Piotr Mlodozieniec, Poland

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artist Matthew “Levee” Chavez. Plus, special art programming and field trips for students based on a visit to **Coexistence** will be offered by HMM docents and arts educators.

**Coexistence** exhibition initiated and created by The Museum on the Seam, Jerusalem, curated by Raphie Etgar, is free and open to the public during Park hours. For more information about **Coexistence**, visit Holocaust Museum Houston online at <https://hmm.org/>.

Sponsors for **Coexistence** include Leadership Sponsor The Jerold B. Katz Foundation; Premier Sponsors The Warren Family, The Boniuk Charitable Foundation and The Boniuk Institute for Religious Tolerance – Rice University; Title Sponsor Dr. Anna Steinberger; Corporate Partners H-E-B, Memorial Hermann Health System, Sysco and United Airlines; Exhibition Partners ADM Security Services and Brandt Construction LLC. **Coexistence** is presented in partnership with Hermann Park Conservancy and Miller Outdoor Theatre, and funded in part by the City of Houston through Houston Arts Alliance.

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## **ABOUT HOLOCAUST MUSEUM HOUSTON**

Holocaust Museum Houston, a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization founded in 1996 by Houston-area Holocaust Survivors, their descendants and members of the community, is accredited by The American Alliance of Museums. Average annual attendance is 160,000 visitors, including more than 43,750 middle and high school students. The Museum is dedicated to educating people about the Holocaust, remembering the 6 million Jews and other innocent victims and honoring the survivors’ legacy. Using the lessons of the Holocaust and other genocides, we teach the dangers of hatred, prejudice and apathy.