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**Opening Reception for Lucas Novak's Puppets and Portraits Art Exhibition
at Adams Square Mini Park Gas Station in Glendale**

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(24 January 2020) Los Angeles artist Lucas Novak's "Puppets and Portraits" installation will be celebrated with a public reception in the Adams Square Mini Park Gas Station at 1020 East Palmer Avenue on Saturday, February 1, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. The exhibition, on view from January 21 – February 14, 2020, is mounted in the historic Gas Station at the park, and is supported by the City of Glendale Arts and Culture Commission with funding from the Urban Art Fund. The opening reception will be sponsored and hosted by the Adams Hill Neighborhood Association.

"Puppets and Portraits" is a showcase for Lucas' paintings and hand-made puppets, which also serves as the inspiration behind a flat-screen television mini "theater" playing his stop-motion, claymation films.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Inspired by human connections and the natural world, Lucas Novak creates art that touches on universal qualities of humankind. Every painting Novak creates uses the application of paint in its infinite ways to represent life's experiences through texture, brushwork, and all the subtleties of color and shade.

Lucas Novak lives and works in Los Angeles, and has been creating art prolifically since before the turn of the millennium. He won first prize in professional painting at the New York State Fair while completing his M.F.A. from Syracuse University. His website is www.lucasnovak.com.

ABOUT THE ADAMS SQUARE MINI PARK ART SPACE

The Adams Square Mini Park is built around a 1936 Richfield Oil Company Gas Station listed on the Glendale Register of Historic Resources. It serves as a neighborhood venue for arts events on an ongoing basis. This art installation is one in a series of site-specific art installations supported by the City of Glendale Arts and Culture Commission with funding from the Urban Art Fund. The Adams Hill Neighborhood Association, sponsor of the artist reception, is a volunteer nonprofit organization serving the residents and merchants of the Adams Hill neighborhood in Glendale. Further information is available at <http://bit.ly/GlendaleACC> and www.adamshill.org

SPECIFICS FOR EDITORS

WHAT: Opening Reception for Art Exhibition for "Puppets and Portraits" by Lucas Novak

WHEN: Saturday, February 1 2020, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: 1020 East Palmer Avenue, Glendale CA 91205

OTHER DETAILS: Limited street parking is available, local residents are encouraged to walk

SPONSORSHIP: City of Glendale's Arts and Culture Commission, Adams Hill Neighborhood Association

About Glendale

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major companies in healthcare, entertainment, manufacturing, retail, and banking.

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