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* 'Death Mask' display at FSW

The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at Florida SouthWestern State College will display Thomas Edison's full-head "Death Mask" in a new exhibition by New York artist Keith Edmier opening Dec. 5 and closing Feb. 6.

The mask will appear in "Keith EDMIER: Edison Impluvium" inside the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at FSW on the Thomas Edison (Lee) Campus, opening Saturday, Dec. 5 with a lecture by Edmier at 6 p.m. and an opening reception from 7-9 p.m.

Before Edison's death in 1931, close friend Henry Ford commissioned James Earle Fraser, a distinguished American sculptor, to produce a bronze statue of his hero. Fraser took the original mold of Edison's head, but his project's completion was delayed until 1949 due to a bronze shortage and the Second World War. Edison's very rare "Death Mask," a product of Fraser's mold, is on loan from a private collector in California and has never been previously exhibited.

Edmier's gallery exhibition will include a full scale recreation of Edison's concrete swimming pool, currently located at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates. Along the walls of the pool will be Edison's "Death Mask" and 50 additional plaster masks created by Edmier as a historical record of family and friends.

The event is open to the public, free of charge. The first-come, first-served seating for the 6 p.m. lecture is limited.

Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Web: www.RauschenbergGallery.com