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Keith Edmier Displaying Edison's 'Death Mask' at FSW

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NH The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) will display Thomas Edison's full-head "Death Mask" in a new exhibition by New York artist Keith Edmier.

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

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.



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Edmier explained that Ancient Roman society inspired much of the exhibition.

"Edison's Fort Myers pool is reimagined as an ancient ruin and references both the Roman Republic-era idea of life casts as ancestral masks and the water basins (known as impluviums) in the atriums of houses like those found in Pompeii," he said.

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