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**Nora Valdez: *A Common Thread*
March 1 – April 2, 2023**

First Friday

March 3, 5 – 8:30pm

Artist Meet & Greets 11am – 5pm

March 5, March 12 and March 25

Artist Talks Led by Lauren Szumita

Saturday, March 11 at 3pm

Closing Reception

Saturday, April 1, 3 – 5pm

Gallery Hours

Wednesday – Sunday, 11 – 5pm

The Boston Sculptors Gallery presents Nora Valdez: *A Common Thread*, on view from March 1 to April 2, 2023. The installation offers perspective on family life, the immigrant journey, and gender identity. In addition to her signature carved stone, Valdez displays images delicately drawn and stitched onto clothing. Encompassing themes reaching from the artist's childhood home to contemporary global dilemmas, Valdez literally hangs out these issues to air on clotheslines strung across the gallery.

Valdez's work explores the baggage we carry through life—hidden, weighty or light—it is omnipresent. Symbolizing life's passages, especially those of women, Valdez repeats themes including climbing stairs and instilling paper bags with memories of the journey. Her steps seek a higher level of human consciousness, her needles darn life's tears, and a clothesline expresses an attachment to the home left behind. At the heart of the exhibition is the artist's wish to bring air and light to the issues of our lives.

Boston-based Valdez was born in Argentina where she graduated from the College of Fine Arts in Mercedes San Luis, and went on to study at the Università per Stranieri in Italy. Her work has been exhibited in Europe, Asia, and the Americas, including numerous Sculpture Symposiums, and she has public art pieces sited around the world. The recipient of many awards and grants, Valdez's work is held in the permanent collections of The Fitchburg Art Museum, MA; The Art Complex Museum, MA; the University of Massachusetts, Boston; and The Changchun World Sculpture Park and Museum, China.

A Common Thread runs concurrently with Adria Arch: *Sirens and Sentinels*. Lauren Szumita, Curator of the Fitchburg Art Museum, will lead a talk with both artists about their exhibitions on Saturday, March 11 at 3pm with a reception following.

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