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from Africa and the
African Diaspora



GARDEN OF HUMANITY

Jems KO KOBİ

Les hommes de cèdre, 2018

Cedar sculpture

102.3" x 23.5" x 23.8" / 260 x 60 x 60.5 cm

Photograph courtesy of the artist and
Le Galerie 38, Casablanca, Morocco

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2023 Presented by
Ten North Group

Gallery Hours:

Dec. 2nd – 9th: 10:00 am – 10:00 pm

Dec. 10th: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

On View: Dec 2nd – June 30th, 2024

Curated by: James Brazil (Australia)

Location: The VFW Lot, 757 Ali Baba Ave., Opa-locka, FL 33054

The sculpture pavilion presents two large-scale sculptures acquired by the Ten North Group in a lushly designed garden:

1. *Yemaya*: Ten North Group is pleased to unveil the newest work by contemporary artist Juan Roberto Diago Durruthy “Diago” (Cuba), a six-foot bronze sculpture titled *Yemaya*, after the goddess of the living ocean, the mother of all. *Yemaya* will be exhibited in a setting conceived by Curator James Brazil as a dialogue with the spirits that accompanied African peoples during the crossing of the Atlantic Ocean known as the Middle Passage.

2. *The Cedar Men*: Sculptor and performer Jems Robert Koko Bi (Côte d’Ivoire), whose work mixes avant-gardist influences and the artist’s African history, has created five six-foot-tall works which are sculpted from a single cedar trunk weighing half a ton each. *The Cedar Men* tells the history of humanity through the earth’s first inhabitants in Africa as the works initiate a conversation with the forces of nature, the ancestors, the native land, and the exile.

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