



MUSEUM GETS MESSY WITH ART PARTY '08

WHAT: Art Party '08: *Mingle, Make Art, Get Messy*

WHERE: Palm Springs Art Museum

WHEN: Saturday, May 10, 2008, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. FREE

CONTACT: Art Party '08 information line 760.322.4884

Palm Springs, CA (April 23, 2008) - On Saturday, May 10, the Palm Springs Art Museum will present the inaugural *Art Party '08*, a day of casual creativity for the desert's busy professionals and young adults. At Art Party '08, hundreds of local residents can "**Mingle, make art and get messy!**" as they enjoy a wide variety of FREE museum art classes and hands-on workshops led by the valley's best instructors and working artists. The art museum expects attendance to top 1,000 people based on past visitor levels on free Community Days. This event is free to the public and geared to all age levels.

Visitors will enjoy painting and sculpture workshops; drop in to one of our galleries for an art lesson; watch local ceramicists, printmakers, graffiti artists and animators show off their craft; and meet local artists and others who love art and art-making.

The museum will come alive with DJ Pepe spinning tunes for the crowd in the atrium, salsa and swing lessons on the main level, a hip hop dance demonstration by students from Indio High School, and a relaxing area in the sculpture gardens to enjoy refreshments from Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf and Ben & Jerry's.

Located downtown in an architecturally-significant E. Stewart Williams-designed building, the Palm Springs Art Museum features exciting exhibitions of contemporary, Native American, Western and Pre-Columbian art in spacious galleries. It features two sculpture gardens, stimulating lectures and educational programs for all ages, and offers diverse performances at its Annenberg Theater. The Art Museum is open six days a week; Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is free to members; \$12.50 for adults; \$10.50 for seniors 62 and over; \$5 for adult students and active-duty military with I.D. and free for youths 17 and under. For more information, call 760.332.4800 or visit www.psmuseum.org. Admission on Thursday evening from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. is FREE.