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PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM APPOINTS NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ART

December 13, 2007 - The Palm Springs Art Museum announced today that it has appointed Dr. Daniell Cornell as the new Deputy Director for Art and Senior Curator, commencing in February, 2008. Cornell is currently the Director of Contemporary Art Projects and Curator of American Art at the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco.

Cornell previously held museum positions at Yale University Art Gallery, the Sidney Mishkin Gallery at Baruch College in New York, the Pierpont Morgan Library in New York, and the New Museum of Contemporary Art in New York. He is a highly respected art historian, curator, and essayist in contemporary art and has substantial experience with earlier American art and the history of photography. Cornell holds a Ph.D. in modern art history and criticism from the City University of New York and a Ph.D. in American studies from Washington State University.

Among the many exhibitions Cornell has organized are a survey of Asian-American art from 1900 to 1970, the sculpture of Bay Area artist Ruth Asawa, surveys on photographers Catherine Wagner, Adi Nes, and Alfred Stieglitz, masterworks of American painting from the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, and a long list of project exhibitions with an international roster of artists working in different media.

At the Palm Springs Art Museum, Dr. Cornell will lead the museum's increasingly ambitious programs for exhibitions and acquisitions in the fields of photography and contemporary art. Additionally, he will supervise the curatorial and registration departments and work closely with the education department on the creation of interpretive and educational programs. "We are extremely honored to have Daniell join our staff," said Steven Nash, Executive Director of the Art Museum. "He is a gifted scholar and has extensive experience with organizing exhibitions and building museum collections."

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, a sculpture garden, stimulating lectures and educational programs for all ages, and diverse performances in the 433-seat 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 noon to 8 p.m. Admission is free to members; \$12.50 for adults; \$10.50 for seniors 62 and over; \$5.00 for children 6 to 17, students, and active-duty military with I.D. and free to children under 6. For more information, call 760.325.7186 or visit us online at psmuseum.org.