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**PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM PRESENTS ALBERT FREY
AND LINA BO BARDI: A SEARCH FOR LIVING ARCHITECTURE**

Unprecedented Exhibition of Two Modern Visionaries Opens September 9

PALM SPRINGS, CA (Sept. 8, 2017) – Palm Springs Art Museum is proud to present ***Albert Frey and Lina Bo Bardi: A Search for Living Architecture*** – an unprecedented exploration of the surprising but compelling synergy in the visionary building and design of two midcentury modern masters. The exhibit will be on view at the Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center and opens Saturday, September 9, 2017, and continues through Sunday, January 7, 2018. This innovative exhibition uses 3-D models, drawings, design objects and photographs to convey Frey and Bo Bardi’s shared belief in architecture as a way to connect people, nature, building, and living. It has been organized by the Palm Springs Art Museum with an installation design by Bestor Architecture.

“The parallel odysseys of Frey and Bo Bardi represent the emergence of Southern California and São Paulo as architectural laboratories of the mid-20th century,” said Elizabeth Armstrong, Palm Springs Art Museum’s JoAnn McGrath Executive Director. “Although they never met, this exhibition shows how they each embraced the social and environmental contexts specific to their adoptive homes.”

Four homes provide the starting point for the exhibition: the glass-walled structures designed by Frey and Bo Bardi for themselves in Palm Springs (*Frey II House*) and São Paulo (*Casa de vidro*); Bo Bardi’s *Cirell House* and Frey’s *Aluminare House*, which is scheduled to be assembled across from the Palm Springs Art Museum in a forthcoming downtown park. An illustrated catalogue will accompany the exhibition and will be available for purchase in the both museum stores.

A Search for Living Architecture is organized by Palm Springs Art Museum and is co-curated by the museum's Director of Art, Daniell Cornell, and internationally known Bo Bardi scholar, Zeuler R. Lima. "Both Frey and Bo Bardi were interested in re-imagining architecture via the transformation of the modern house," said Cornell. "Presented here together for the first time, these structures convey departure points for understanding the evolving concept of *Living Architecture*... . As Frey and Bo Bardi embraced modern technologies, they responded to the climate and terrain of their respective environments, and the people whose lives were shaped by those conditions."

Albert Frey and Lina Bo Bardi: A Search for Living Architecture is being presented as part of Pacific Standard Time: LA/LA (PST: LA/LA), a far-reaching and ambitious exploration of Latin American and Latino art in dialogue with Los Angeles. Supported by grants from the Getty Foundation, Pacific Standard Time: LA/LA takes place from September 2017 through January 2018 at more than 70 cultural institutions across Southern California, from Los Angeles to Palm Springs, and from San Diego to Santa Barbara. PST: LA/LA is an initiative of the Getty. The presenting sponsor is Bank of America.

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This exhibition is organized by Palm Springs Art Museum with an installation design by Bestor Architecture, Barbara Bestor, FAIA. Additional funding is provided by Dr. Roswitha Kima Smale, Simon K. Chiu, Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Council, Caesarstone, Atelier 4 - Fine Art Logistics, Arper, and an award from the National Endowment for the Arts.

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