



Palm Springs Art Museum's Architecture and Design Council Announces a Stellar Lecture Series for 2014-2015 Season



Michael Kimmelman in Prague, photograph by Matej Stransky, 2014

Palm Springs, Calif. (December 11, 2014) – On the heels of the enormously successful and highly-anticipated November opening of Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion, the Architecture and Design Council (ADC) will launch its annual lecture series.

The 2015 ADC Lecture Series sets a new benchmark with its range of notable speakers for both the evening lectures and the Saturday morning A+D 101 series.

The evening lectures continue the tradition of presenting prominent national and international speakers, while the A+D 101 series once again presents authoritative and interesting voices in the worlds of architecture and design in all its forms and functions.

“We are thrilled to present Dean Qingyun Ma and Michael Kimmelman as featured speakers of our new evening lecture series. Since the museum’s Architecture and Design Council was formed in 2003, the stature and quality of our lectures have increased and been enhanced exponentially,” said Sidney Williams, Palm Springs Art

Museum's curator of architecture and design. "I'm especially pleased by the enthusiasm of the architecture and design community that has fueled the phenomenal growth of the council itself which now stands at 850 members, making it the largest of the museum's nine councils."

All evening lectures are presented in the museum's Annenberg Theater at 5:30 p.m., followed by a reception in the adjacent Marcuse Sculpture Garden. Admission is \$15, which includes the lecture and reception.

The A+D 101 Lecture Series is also held in the Annenberg Theater, unless otherwise noted, on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m., followed by a tour of a site relevant to the specific lecture. Admission is \$25, and includes the lecture and tour.

ADC Evening Lecture Series

Saturday, January 31, 2015 - Qingyun Ma, Dean, USC School of Architecture
Lecture Title: *A Practice Conditioned by Chinese Urbanism*
5:30 p.m., followed by reception

Saturday, March 7, 2015 – Michael Kimmelman, Architecture Critic, *New York Times*
Lecture Title: *Reclaiming the Streets*
5:30 p.m., followed by reception

Saturday Morning A+D 101 Series

Saturday, January 10 - Dan Chavkin and Lisa Thackaberry
Presentation in Lecture Hall
Lecture Title: *Evelyn and Jerome Ackerman*
10 a.m., followed by site tour

Saturday, February 7: William Butler
Lecture Title: *Palisades Drive History and Mystery of a Hillside*
10 a.m., followed by site tour

Saturday, March 28: Leo Marmol, Marmol Radziner Architects
Lecture Title: *The Midlife Crisis of Midcentury Modern*
10 a.m., followed by site tour

Saturday, April 18: Joan and Gary Gand
Lecture Title: *Midcentury Italian Glass and American Studio Glass*
10 a.m., followed by site tour

Tickets for the A+D101 Series are \$25 each or \$85 for the series of four. Please contact the Box Office at (760) 325-4490 to purchase tickets.

Become a member of the ADC by visiting psmuseum.org or by contacting Bethany Morse at (760) 423-5265 or bmorse@psmuseum.org.

About Palm Springs Art Museum

Palm Springs Art Museum is the largest cultural institution in the Coachella Valley and includes three locations in Palm Springs and Palm Desert. The flagship building is located in downtown Palm Springs and features compelling art exhibitions, a vast permanent collection, and the 433-seat Annenberg Theater, all in a 150,000 square foot, architecturally-significant building. Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion features exhibitions and programming that explore the rich topics of architecture and design. Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert is an 8,400 square foot, Silver LEED-certified building named The Galen that presents rotating exhibitions and special collections. It is surrounded by the four-acre Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden featuring important sculpture works. Admission to the Palm Desert location is now free to the public, generously underwritten by Helene V. Galen. For more information, call 760-322-4800, visit www.psmuseum.org, and follow the museum on Facebook, Twitter and InstaGram.

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