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PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM ANNOUNCES MAJOR GIFTS FROM
TWO LONGTIME SUPPORTERS

Separate gifts total over 100 objects and include works by Henry Moore, Franz Kline, and Jennifer Bartlett

PALM SPRINGS, CA (Apr. 11, 2023) Palm Springs Art Museum has announced that two of its most devoted longtime supporters—**Gwen Weiner** and **Donna MacMillan**—have separately made new gifts of over 100 objects to the museum's permanent collection.

Gwen Weiner has gifted over 40 objects including five Henry Moore sculptures and works by such masters as **Franz Kline**, **Aristide Maillol**, and **Andrew Wyeth**, among many others. The museum's relationship with the Weiners began in the late 1960s when the family purchased a home in the Coachella Valley. Ted and Lucille Weiner assembled one of the most significant collections of modern sculpture west of the Mississippi, much of which eventually resided as loans to Palm Springs Art Museum. The family's generosity played a major role in shifting the museum's former concentration on natural history to its present focus on modern and contemporary art. The museum celebrated the Weiner's support during the 2015-16 season with the exhibition *A Passionate Eye: The Weiner Family Collection*; the 60 pieces on display solidified Palm Springs Art Museum's identity as a world-class arts institution.

Gwen Wiener, who has served on the museum's board of trustees since 2005 and was an honoree at the museum's 80th gala in 2018, said, "I'm delighted that the artworks so carefully selected by my family now have a permanent home in Palm Springs Art Museum which has been so important to my family over the years. I know these works will be well cared for by the museum, and I hope they will inspire and enchant generations of visitors."

Donna MacMillan's recent donation of 68 works from her wide-ranging personal collection of modern contemporary art include works by such notable artists as **Robert Rauschenberg**, **Roy Lichtenstein**, and **Joan Mitchell** among scores of others. MacMillan, along with her late husband Cargill, has had a long association with the museum. She joined the board of trustees in 1993 and was elected chair in 2013; she currently serves as chair emerita.

MacMillan's total gifts of 140 works to the museum over the years are being celebrated in a new exhibition [*So Many Songs We Have Yet to Play: Gifts of Donna MacMillan*](#). The exhibition displays the incredible breadth of MacMillan's interests which span a wide range of mediums, including painting, sculpture, prints, photographs, video, and electronic art. The gifted objects include both established art icons and emerging artists, works of simple beauty as well as those both thought-provoking and challenging.

Upon making her donation to the museum, MacMillan said, "I've been involved with the museum for so long and in so many different ways it just seemed natural to give the institution my art. I've been thrilled to watch the museum grow over the years and I am happy to be able to continue to help it grow with the donation of these works."

Adam Lerner, the museum's JoAnn McGrath Executive Director/CEO, says, "These recent gifts mark a great milestone in the history of the museum. Our visitors are often surprised to discover that Palm Springs has such a world-class art collection, and Gwen and Donna's gifts take it to the next level. It is extraordinary not just for a community of our size but for any museum in California and beyond."

So Many Songs We Have Yet to Play: Gifts of Donna MacMillan is curated by Adam Lerner and Sharrissa Iqbal, and runs April 6 - September 3, 2023. A new exhibition of the Weiner donations is planned for 2024.

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About Palm Springs Art Museum

Palm Springs Art Museum is the largest cultural institution in the Coachella Valley. The flagship building, located in downtown Palm Springs, features compelling art exhibitions, a vast permanent collection, and the Annenberg Theater, all in a 150,000-square-foot, architecturally significant building. Five blocks away, the Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion, features exhibitions and programming that explore the rich topics of architecture and design.