



The Annenberg Theater at Palm Springs Art Museum Expands 2016 Programming with *Eisenhower Health Fluid Art Series*

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (Dec. XX, 2015) – The Annenberg Theater at Palm Springs Art Museum introduced today the *Eisenhower Health Fluid Art Series*. The four programs feature a variety of art performances, including the *The Lyris Quartet of Los Angeles*, who will be joined by expert pianist, Daniel Schlosberg; a *Nickerson-Rossi Dance* production featuring Louis Pagano from Martha Graham Dance; an immersive multi-sensory performance by internationally recognized local artist Cristopher Cichocki; and a music and photographic arts showcase that cross-pollinates local musical and photographic arts talent to engage our local community.

The series debuts by bringing classical music back to the Annenberg with ***The Lyris Quartet, HJ Meyerman Memorial Concert*** honoring the museum's late chairman, on January 22, at 7 p.m. This powerful and engaging classical musical program features the Lyris Quartet of Los Angeles, accompanied by expert pianist, Daniel Schlosberg. The individual members of the quartet have won top prizes at such competitions as the Tchaikovsky International Competition, the Aspen Music Festival, as well as having collaborated with many renowned artists and composers. They have performed at the South Bay Chamber Music Series, Los Angeles Music Guild, Annenberg Series, and Chamber Music Palisades. This year will mark their third season as the resident ensemble for the critically acclaimed series *Jacaranda: Music at the Edge*. This special program at the Annenberg is presented to celebrate the beloved music of the late Chairman of the Board, Harold J. Meyerman, and to embrace the command, passion, determination, and intelligence that characterized him. Ticket prices are premium seating for \$75 and regular seating for \$65, or \$125 for a VIP ticket for best seating and admission to the 6 p.m. pre-show sparkling wine and hors d'oeuvres reception.

Following on February 5 at 7:30 p.m. is ***Nickerson-Rossi Dance: Past and Present***. Directed by Michael Nickerson-Rossi, the engaging performance is visually stunning with complex intricacies that unravel through a beautifully orchestrated mixture of movement and emotion. The inspiring 80-minute program includes a guest appearance by Lorenzo Pagano from Martha Graham Dance, with a special repertoire created for the Annenberg. Individual tickets are \$45 for regular admission, \$75 for premium seating, and \$125 for VIP best theater seats. VIP tickets also include a sparkling wine reception with live musical accompaniment at 6:30 p.m., as well as the rare opportunity

to attend a dress rehearsal sneak peek and reception at 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 4, with an opportunity to meet the dancers.

On February 12 at 8:30 p.m. the ***Cristopher Cichocki Presents: Circular Dimensions*** program is a multi-sensory performance inspired by the desert and its underwater origins. Audiovisual artist Cristopher Cichocki examines the relationship between humankind, nature and industry in his most experimental performance to date. Combining elements of video, painting, installation, sculpture, light and sound *Circular Dimensions* immerses spectators into a transformative “Desert Abyss” environment experienced for the very first time within Palm Springs Art Museum’s Annenberg Theater. Ticket prices are \$20 for the show only with regular seating, \$25 for the show only with premium seating, and \$40 for the show with best theater seating that includes a pre-show reception in the museum’s sculpture garden, sponsored by Lagunitas Brewing Company.

On May 7 at 8 p.m. ***Open Desert: Music and Photographic Arts Showcase*** brings together an array of the desert’s brightest musical and artistic talent. An eclectic line-up of performing artists will collaborate in a live acoustical performance. Accompanying this dynamic musical performance is a showcase of photographic works that explore the conceptual boundaries of the open desert. The culmination of photographs is selected from a public online submissions process. The cross-pollination of local musical talent and local photographers will engage the local arts community and provide a prestigious venue for our region’s growing artists.

Uniquely located within Palm Springs Art Museum, the 433-seat, state-of-the-art Annenberg Theater is a true combination of the visual and performing arts with nearly perfect acoustics. All tickets are available at the box office or can be ordered online at www.annenbergtheater.org, or calling **760-325-4490**. Box Office hours are Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and one hour before show.

For more information about Palm Springs Art Museum visit www.psmuseum.org or call (760) 322-4800. Palm Springs Art Museum is located at 101 Museum Drive in downtown Palm Springs.

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.