



PALM SPRINGS
ART MUSEUM

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**Palm Springs Art Museum Announces Host of Special Events
and Inviting Activities Scheduled for April**

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (April 4, 2016) - Palm Springs Art Museum brings a variety of new events to visitors in April, while showcasing ongoing exhibitions at the main museum, Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert, The Galen and the Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden, and at Palm Springs Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion. From the exciting 11th annual *Meet the Museum* membership drive and party and the annual *99 Bucks and Up Sale*, to the final Broadways' Best...In The West! Performance Series at the Annenberg Theater, Earth Day celebration, and more, there are a variety of engaging opportunities to explore all aspects of art.

The 26th annual *Fine Arts Creativity Awards and Scholarship Program* exhibition is on view through May 15 at the main museum. The program provides the opportunity for young artists to participate in a juried exhibition and to have their artwork displayed in the museum's galleries. This year's exhibition theme is Heroes and Villains and includes artworks by students from public and private high schools in the Coachella Valley, as well as College of the Desert. Entries were juried by museum professionals and local artists who considered the creative interpretation of the theme, technical ability, originality, and an imaginative communication of ideas and emotions when making their selections. Two artworks received the *Fine Arts Creativity Purchase Award* and have been accessioned into the permanent Education Department Collection at the museum. In addition, several other generous monetary awards were presented, and each exhibiting student will receive a certificate of merit and a one-year family membership to the museum.

This month's featured event is the 11th Annual *Meet the Museum* membership drive party on Friday, April 8, from 6 to 9 p.m. Once again kicking off the acclaimed White Party Weekend, the theme is *The Art of Justice*, embracing iconic comic book superheroes, specifically *The Justice League*. Guests are invited to dress to fit the theme in their best superhero outfits. The amazing

entertainment will be Kristine W, DJ Corey D, and MC Bella da Ball. Dancing, multiple food and drink stations, fun surprises, and much more makes this the party no one wants to miss. The event garners hundreds of new members and raises funds to support museum operations, exhibitions, and educational programs. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$100 for VIP.

Following on Saturday evening, April 9, is the final performance of this season's Annenberg Theater *Broadway's Best...In The West!* Performance Series with power couple Jarrod Spector and Kelli Barrett. These newly-married Broadway veterans will take to the stage and show how a wide variety of great music came from some of the greatest marriages, from Carole King & Gerry Goffin to Sonny & Cher to Beyonce & Jay-Z. Love, heartbreak, triumph, and despair describe not only the themes of such incredible songs, but also the storied partnerships themselves. What started as admiration for Jarrod and Kelli's favorite creative couples led to this show, celebrating marriage as the powerful force behind timeless music. The show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$65 and \$75, with museum members receiving a \$5 discount off each ticket purchased.

Coyote Stageworks begins its second theatrical run of shows with "Agnes of God" by John Peilmeier. The Tony winning, theatrical mystery about a novice nun who gives birth and insists that the child was the result of a virgin conception provides demanding dramatic roles for the actors playing them, and will keep enthralled audiences riveted to their seats. "Agnes of God" opens on April 19 and runs through May, 2016.

Returning to the Annenberg Theater from April 25 through 28 will be The Palm Springs Photo Festival which offers the opportunity for professional, emerging professional, and serious advanced amateur photographers to study with legendary photographers. Portfolios will be shown at the celebrated Portfolio Review Program, while attendees see the latest gear, participate in cutting-edge seminars, symposiums, and networking events, and enjoy evening presentations by world famous image-makers.

This month's *Free Second Sunday* theme is Pattern Away, taking place on April 10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the main museum. Visitors have the opportunity to be inspired by patterns, symbols, and designs as seen in the museum's Native American collection. Participants can explore the galleries to sketch a variety of decorative patterns and then make monoprints, while master weavers will demonstrate the tools and techniques used to create complicated and meaningful baskets. This special programming connects visitors with the exhibitions *Edward S. Curtis One Hundred Masterworks* and *Changing the Tone: Contemporary American Indian Photographers*.

Taking place at the Riviera Resort & Spa on Saturday, April 16, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., is the annual Artists Council fundraiser *99 Bucks & Up*, with artists donating artwork with prices starting at \$99 for works on 5" x 7" canvases and more for

larger artworks, The event draws hundreds of attendees – last year over one thousand people attended and \$28,600 was raised with proceeds supporting the museum’s exhibitions, acquisitions, programs and general operations. For more information contact Daniel Hogan via email at artistscouncil@psmuseum.org or 760-322-4850. The event is free to the public.

An Earth Day Community Celebration at Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert takes place on Saturday, April 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This annual event celebrates earth with activities in the Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden, live music, demonstrations, and free community compost provided by Whole Foods Market Palm Desert. Crafts include mixing seeds, clay, and compost to create native seed bombs, an opportunity to write a promise to be better stewards of the environment to hang on the promise tree provided by Whole Foods Market Kids Club, and a visit with wildlife brought to the event from The Living Desert’s Wildlife on Wheels truck. Food will also be offered from Frankinbun, Whole Foods and Babe’s BBQ & Brewhouse.

Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert continues its free tours of the Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden through April 27. Set in a lushly landscaped desert oasis replete with water features, native plants, and winding walkways, the sculpture garden houses the art of contemporary masters. Tours are free and take place on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

In addition, The Galen offers free outdoor yoga classes taking place in the serene Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden, with all skill levels welcome. The one-hour yoga classes are offered each Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. and are taught by local certified instructors in collaboration with lululemon’s ambassador program. Following the session, guests are invited to enjoy the sculpture garden and art galleries, as well as the Certified Farmer’s Market, which is set up in the museum’s adjacent parking lot and features fresh produce from local growers.

Continuing exhibitions at the three museum locations include:

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Edward S. Curtis: One Hundred Masterworks

Through May 29, 2016

psmuseum.org/calendar-2/10-edward-s-curtis-one-hundred-masterworks

Changing the Tone: Contemporary American Indian Photographers

Through May 29, 2016

psmuseum.org/calendar-2/218-changing-the-tone-1

A Passionate Eye: The Weiner Family Collection

Through September 11, 2016

psmuseum.org/palm-springs/exhibition/passionate-eye-weiner-family-collection/

Reflections on Water

Through May 1, 2016

psmuseum.org/palm-springs/exhibition/reflections-water/

Contemporary Glass

Ongoing

psmuseum.org/palm-springs/exhibition/kaplan-ostergaard-glass-center/

Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert, The Galen and the Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden:

Baroque to Bling! High Art and Low from the Collection of Donna MacMillan

Through October 16, 2016

psmuseum.org/calendar-2/244-baroque-to-bling-1

Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion:

Bauhaus twenty-21: An Ongoing Legacy - Photographs by Gordon Watkinson

Through May 1, 2016

psmuseum.org/calendar-2/170-bauhaus-twenty-21-an-ongoing-legacy-photographs-by-gordon-watkinson-1

For additional information on any of the exhibitions and events noted in this release, as well as for ticket prices, please visit psmuseum.org. The main museum offers free admission every Thursday ongoing from 4 to 8 p.m. The Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert is always free, as is the Architecture and Design Center. Palm Springs Art Museum is located at 101 Museum Drive in downtown Palm Springs and can be reached at (760) 322-4800. Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion is located at 300 South Palm Canyon Drive, also in downtown Palm Springs, and can be reached at (760) 423-5260. Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert is located at 72-567 Highway 111 in Palm Desert and can be reached at (760) 346-5600.

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. Admission to the A+D Center is free for the next two years thanks to an anonymous donor. 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 free, generously underwritten by Helene V. Galen. For more information, call 760-322-4800, visit psmuseum.org, and follow the museum on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.