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**Palm Springs Art Museum Announces December Events,  
Ongoing Exhibitions and Other Special Activities**

**PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (Nov. 30, 2015)** – Palm Springs Art Museum presents a variety of performances, special events, family activities and exhibitions taking place in December. Each of the three museum locations offer something different, with a range of engaging experiences and intriguing exhibitions.

The Annenberg Theater has several exciting performances scheduled for the month. CK Dance Company's *The Nutcracker* performance is on December 4 at 7:30 p.m., and December 5 at 3:00 p.m. This 19th annual production features Tchaikovsky's ravishing melodies for a charming production with a wealth of dazzling dances. Tickets are \$25 and \$30. *Dance with Miss Lindsay* returns with her annual Winter Recital on December 6 at 2 and 5 p.m. Dancers from 3 years old to adult perform in stylish costumes to traditional and nontraditional holiday classic songs. Tickets are \$20 and \$25.

Continuing at the Annenberg Theater on December 8 and 9 is Todd Murray for Cabaret 88 at 7 p.m., with a 6 p.m. reception preceding the performance. Tickets are \$88. Following on December 12 at 8 p.m., Maureen McGovern takes the stage with *Sing My Sisters, Sing!* The popular singer and actress has a career that has spanned more than 40 years and has included Oscar-winning songs. Ticket prices are \$65 and \$75, and \$5 off for museum members. Italian tenor Pasquale Esposito performs on December 20, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Celebrating the greatest tenor of all times, Enrico Caruso, Esposito and his stellar band of international musicians will take the audience on a musical journey highlighting the places, songs and events that made Enrico Caruso an international star. Ticket prices are \$55 and \$65.

The Annenberg Theater Council debuts its *Take Your Seat!* campaign. For a one-time contribution of \$1,000 a name can be etched into a handsome plaque mounted on the back of an Annenberg Theater seat of choice. This can be an individual's name, a family name, or a name to be honored. The goal of *Take Your Seat!* is to raise \$400,000 for critically needed technical upgrades and new

equipment that will bring the beautiful 20<sup>th</sup> Century auditorium up to 21<sup>st</sup> Century productions standards. Campaign Sponsor John P. Monahan, owner of THE FIVE HUNDRED, has completely underwritten the costs of this campaign so that every penny contributed goes toward theater improvements.

The museum is participating in the *Walking Tour of the Inns* and Holiday Toy Drive for Well in the Desert on December 10, from 4 to 8 p.m. From 100-year old adobe inns and 1920's jewels, to Mediterranean inspired villas, the walk includes Casa Cody, Old Ranch Inn, Orbit In, Korakia Pensione, Calla Lilly Inn and several others. Those partaking in the walking tour start at the museum to receive maps, flashlights, and a coupon for 10 percent off purchases made at The Bradford W. Bates Vault: The Museum Design Store at the Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion, which is included in the walk. The museum is also accepting unwrapped toys to be donated to the Well.

Supporting the exhibition *Killer Heels: The Art of the High-Heeled Shoe* is the "High-Heeled" Film Series featuring *Marie Antoinette* (2006), taking place December 10 at 5:30 p.m. Director Sofia Coppola puts a new spin on the life and times of one of Europe's most infamous monarchs in this lavish historical drama which fuses a contemporary sensibility with painstaking recreations of the look of the 18th century. Also on December 10 and December 13, is an on-site shoe-making demonstration by LA-based shoe designer Chris Francis, who will also have his designs on display. The demonstrations take place on December 10 from 4 to 8 p.m., and on December 13 at 1 p.m. as part of *Free Second Sunday*.

*Free Second Sunday* on December 13 is also themed around the last day of the wildly popular *Killer Heels* exhibition, and includes the following activities:

#### Art for All Ages

Sheffer/Scheffler Arts Education Space in the Hoover Gallery

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### Shoe Sculpture

Guests can design miniature shoes using nontraditional materials like wire, foam, found objects, and feathers to create their own unique killer heels.

#### Artists in Action

James and Jackie Lee Houston Atrium

1 p.m.

Attendees can investigate the intersection of art and craft with shoe designer Chris Francis demonstrating his process as a self-taught shoe maker.

#### Film

Upper Level Lecture Hall

2 p.m.

*The Wizard of Oz*, directed by Victor Fleming and starring Judy Garland, begins with Dorothy tapping her magical pair of ruby slippers that transports her and her

dog Toto on a journey through the land of Oz to meet the Wizard. Everyone says he can help her return home, and grant her new friends their request for a brain, a heart and some courage.

Artful Conversations  
Hibbert Orientation Center  
11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Tour the exhibition *Killer Heels: The Art of the High-Heeled Shoe* for an intriguing look at how an everyday item of clothing can be elevated to an art object. For the tour, meet at the Admissions Desk.

Now in its thirteenth iteration, LUEY (Let Us Entertain You) is back with a calendar full of fabulous dinners, intimate cocktail parties, and wildly creative gatherings to delight and entertain. Produced by the Museum Associates Council, several fundraising events take place through April. Divine, Wine, & Dine takes place December 1 at 6 p.m. For \$250 per person, participants will experience Palm Springs' newest addition to uptown, EIGHT4NINE Restaurant & Lounge, with craft cocktails, tray-passed hors d'oeuvres and a diva-worthy four-course dinner paired with fine wines in the Michael Childers Room. Childers will join the event with intimate stories about his Fusions series and his career as a celebrity photographer.

The next LUEY event is on December 9 at 6 p.m. Guests will be treated to creative cuisine, delightful entertainment and fine wines in Uptown Palm Springs. The first stop for libations and entertainment is at Christopher Anthony Ltd, followed by appetizers and a sampling of signature dishes at the James Beard Award-winning Workshop Kitchen + Bar. Finally, more signature dishes and delectable desserts will be served at Trio. The cost is \$250 per person.

**Continuing exhibitions at the main museum include:**

*Artists Council Exhibition*  
Through December 6, 2015

<http://www.psmuseum.org/palm-springs/exhibition/artists-council-exhibition-2015/>

*Killer Heels: The Art of the High-Heeled Shoe*  
Through December 13, 2015

[www.psmuseum.org/palm-springs/exhibition/killer-heels-art-the-highheeled-shoe/](http://www.psmuseum.org/palm-springs/exhibition/killer-heels-art-the-highheeled-shoe/)

*A Passionate Eye: The Weiner Family Collection*  
Has been extended through September 11, 2016

[www.psmuseum.org/palm-springs/exhibition/passionate-eye-weiner-family-collection/](http://www.psmuseum.org/palm-springs/exhibition/passionate-eye-weiner-family-collection/)

*Reflections on Water*  
Through May 1, 2016

[www.psmuseum.org/palm-springs/exhibition/reflections-water/](http://www.psmuseum.org/palm-springs/exhibition/reflections-water/)

Contemporary Glass

Ongoing

<http://www.psmuseum.org/palm-springs/exhibition/kaplan-ostergaard-glass-center-/>

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

The *Galen First Fridays* in partnership with City of Palm Desert *First Weekend*, features the band brightener on Friday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. brightener is the recording and performing moniker of Palm Desert-based folk-pop singer-songwriter Will Sturgeon. With free admission the concert takes place in the Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden. Babe's BBQ & Brewhouse will be serving award-winning craft beer. During the evening attendees can also enjoy the current exhibition *Still Life: Capturing the Moment*.

On December 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a Winter Solstice Celebration includes winter inspired art making, festive snacks, and a special holiday performance in the magical Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden, filled with twinkling holiday lights. *Wrap it Up!* is a wrapping paper activity in which participants use unique stamps, craft paper and printer's ink to create special paper to wrap holiday treasures. *Crafting in a Winter Wonderland* explores different paper cutting techniques and sparkling paper to make snowflake decorations for holiday celebrations. The performances take place in the sculpture garden at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

ArtTalks: Conversations with Tomorrow's Experts begins with *Still Life: A Conversation with Artist D.J. Hall* on December 16 at 5 p.m. Hall will present her drawing and painting techniques and she will discuss other artists' approaches whose works are in the Still Life exhibition. The event is free.

The exciting Galen Resolution 5K Color Run is taking place January 9 at 8 a.m. at The Galen, with registration now open at [www.galenresolution5k.com](http://www.galenresolution5k.com). Runners, families, enthusiasts (and even dogs) of all ages are invited to participate. Proceeds support educational and community programs at Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert.

The exhibition, *Still Life: Capturing the Moment*, continues through February 21, 2016. <http://www.psmuseum.org/palm-desert/exhibition/still-life-capturing-moment/>

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## **The Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion**

The A+D Center is one of the sites included in the *Walking Tour of the Inns* and Holiday Toy Drive for Well in the Desert on December 10, from 4 to 8 p.m. Those partaking in the walk begin at the main Palm Springs Art Museum and receive a map of the walk, flashlights and a coupon to the A+D Center. The coupon can be used for 10 percent off any purchases (not to be combined with any other offers) made at the A+D Center design store, The Bradford W. Bates Vault: The Museum Design Store during the month of December.

The exhibition, *Seeing the Light: Illuminating Objects*, continues through January 3, 2016. Docent tours are offered every Wednesday at 11 a.m., Thursday between 4 and 8 p.m., and on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. For more details about the exhibition, visit: [www.psmuseum.org/architecture-design-center/exhibition/illuminating-objects-reflections-the-permanent-collection/](http://www.psmuseum.org/architecture-design-center/exhibition/illuminating-objects-reflections-the-permanent-collection/)

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The main museum offers free admission every Thursday ongoing from 4 to 8 p.m. The Galen in Palm Desert is always free, as is the A+D Center. For the latest updates, museum admission fees, and information on all three museums, please visit [www.psmuseum.org](http://www.psmuseum.org).

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, The Galen 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 [www.psmuseum.org](http://www.psmuseum.org), and follow the museum on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.