

PALM SPRINGS  
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**Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion Welcomes Modernism Week Enthusiasts with New Exhibition, Special Presentation and Exciting Fundraising Party**

**PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (February 12, 2016)** - Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion (A+D Center) presents a variety of opportunities for mid-century modern enthusiasts to explore modernism with the A+D Center. From the Bauhaus exhibition and the A+D Council's spectacular annual fundraiser, to tours and a special evening with renowned furniture designer, Vladimir Kagan, the A+D Center offers a number of interesting topics specific to Modernism Week.

On Sunday, February 14, the A+D Center brings renowned mid-century furniture designer to the stage at the museum's Annenberg Theater for *The Iconic Iconoclast: Vladimir Kagan*. Kagan will be conversing with ELLE DECOR editor in chief Michael Boodro, discussing Kagan's journey as one of the greatest mid-century designers. The discussion will be followed by a VIP cocktail reception and book-signing at the A+D Center's Plaza area. While the VIP cocktail is sold out, there are tickets available for the presentation for \$25, which can be purchased at [modernismweek.com](http://modernismweek.com).

The A+D Center's new exhibition is a perfect fit for Modernism Week. *Bauhaus twenty-21: An Ongoing Legacy - Photographs by Gordon Watkinson* showcases twelve of the most iconic achievements of Bauhaus architecture built before 1933, illustrating the enduring philosophies of the Bauhaus on twenty-first century architecture. It continues through May 1. Admission to the A+D Center is free.

Also during Modernism Week, the Architecture and Design Council Fundraiser is expected to be another vibrant affair scheduled for Saturday, February 20, from 6 to 9 p.m. *Wouldn't It Be Lovely? A Night at the Loewe Estate* takes place at the famed 3-acre Frederick Loewe Estate, offering an exclusive opportunity to see the Little Tuscany property. The evening begins at the Riviera Palms Springs Resort & Spa with complimentary valet parking and a glass of champagne, after which provided shuttles will take guests to the estate. Inspired by the Ascot racing scenes in the Lerner and Loewe Broadway hit, *My Fair Lady*, the evening will include music, hearty hors d'oeuvres, libations, a live auction featuring incredible architecture and travel experiences, and even a hat contest! Guests are invited to wear their best black-and-white attire and their fanciest "Ascot" hats. The honoree of the party is internationally known textile designer Jack Lenor Larsen, who designed many of the fabrics and materials in the newly built, Larry Booth-designed Miesian residence just below the Loewe house.

The A+D Center also offers engaging tours in partnership with The Modern Tour Palm Springs. The Modern Tour features intimate and exclusive curated tours of Palm Springs' spectacular collection of midcentury modern architecture and design. All tour guests receive a complimentary copy of the acclaimed PBS documentary *Julius Shulman: Desert Modern*. Tours include visits to homes designed by noted architects including E. Stewart Williams, Richard Neutra, John Lautner, Donald Wexler, Albert Frey, William Krisel, and William Cody. In addition, the tours include interior visits to celebrity homes of Frank Sinatra, William Holden, Elvis Presley, Elizabeth Taylor and others. For more information contact The Modern Tour at (760) 904-0904 or visit [www.themoderntour.com](http://www.themoderntour.com).

Since its opening in late 2014, the A+D Center has seen thousands of visitors and garnered worldwide attention. It is the museum's exploration of architecture and design, and houses related exhibitions and educational and community programs, as well as research space and a storage area for the museum's growing architecture and design collections and archives. The A+D Center is a classic mid-century International style structure, and retains Class 1 Historic Site protective status.

For additional information on any of the exhibitions, events, and ticket prices, please visit [www.psmuseum.org](http://www.psmuseum.org) or [www.modernismweek.com](http://www.modernismweek.com). Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion is located at 300 South Palm Canyon Drive, in downtown Palm Springs, and can be reached at (760) 423-5260.

### **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 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.