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It's Hot Outside, But it's Cool at the Museum! Palm Springs Art Museum Announces the Annenberg Theater 2016-2017 Season Line-up, New Film Series, New Exhibition and Museum Art Camp

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (June 1, 2016) – Palm Springs Art Museum is pleased to announce the exciting Annenberg Theater 2016 – 2017 schedule of performers, as well as a new summer film series. In addition, Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert, The Galen and the Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden kicks off Museum Art Camp along with new summer hours, and Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion debuts a new exhibition *First Hand: Architects, Artists, and Designers from the L.J. Cella Collection.*

The Annenberg Theater 2016-2017 season presents another exciting cast of performers fresh from Broadway. The season kicks off with the 14th Annual Opening Night Benefit Concert fundraiser on Nov. 19 at 6 p.m. starring Megan Hilty, Broadway performer and television star. Tickets are going fast and can only be purchased at the Box Office or by calling (760) 325-4490. The 2016-2017 Performance Series *Broadway's Best—In the West!* features Cheyenne Jackson on Jan. 21, Jane Monheit on Feb. 18, Liz Callaway and Jason Graae on March 18, and Norm Lewis on April 8. All shows are at 8 p.m. Ticket prices vary and can be ordered on-line at <u>www.annenbergtheater.org</u> or by calling the box office at (760) 325-4490.

Also at the Annenberg Theater is a free monthly film series beginning in June and going through September. The "Hot is Cool: Sizzling Summer Film Series" is presented in collaboration with Palm Springs International Film Society with special thanks to the Smaby Family Foundation for its support. The series debuts on June 2 at 7 p.m. with the first film "Bagdad Café," directed by Percy Aldon. The 1987 film is about a German tourist who ends up at a dilapidated local diner and motel in the Mojave Desert after a blowout with her husband. She ends up winning over the grumpy owner, locals and visiting truckers with her penchant for cleanliness, transforming the struggling diner to a popular truck stop. Following are "Beau Travail" on July 7, "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert" on Aug. 4, and "Do The Right Thing" on Sept. 1. All programs begin at 7 p.m. and include commentary from a film expert who will share insights into the evening's featured film.

Beginning May 30, The Galen at Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert, has new hours for summer which continue through Sept. 5. The Galen will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed Monday through Thursday. The Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden is always open. Both the main museum and the Architecture and Design Center in Palm Springs hours do not change for summer.

On June 20, week-long Museum Art Camp sessions begin at The Galen with hands-on art classes designed to encourage artistic expression, imagination, and fun. Children ages 3 to 12 years old will explore art in the galleries, test new tools for painting and drawing, and investigate a variety of artmaking connections, including sculpture, fashion, and design. Classes are offered Monday through Friday with morning, afternoon, or all day sessions. Pre- and after-camp care is also available. For a complete schedule and to register visit psmuseum.org/educational-programs/museum-camp or email summerartcamp@psmuseum.org.

A new exhibition at the Architecture and Design Center, *First Hand: Architects, Artists, and Designers from the L.J. Cella Collection,* will be on view through September 4. An impeccable selection of artworks from the L. J. Cella Collection illustrates the diverse ways in which architects, designers, and artists use their hands as a source of inspiration, contemplation, and production. The exhibition draws attention to how architects convey spatial ideas in two dimensions and how artists use fiber, wood, and clay to create three-dimensional objects.

Continuing exhibitions at the museum include:

Palm Springs Art Museum

A Passionate Eye: The Weiner Family Collection Through September 11, 2016 psmuseum.org/palm-springs/exhibition/passionate-eye-weiner-family-collection/

Reflections on Water Ongoing psmuseum.org/palm-springs/exhibition/reflections-water/

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

The Permanent Collection <u>psmuseum.org/palm-springs-art-collection/</u>

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

For additional information on any of the exhibitions and events noted in this release, please visit <u>psmuseum.org</u>. 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. 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.