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Palm Springs Art Museum's Schedule of Events and Continuing Exhibitions for May

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (May 1, 2016) – Highlights for the month of May at Palm Springs Art Museum includes *Free Second Sunday*, a special performance at the Annenberg Theater, and an awards ceremony for the Fine Arts Creativity Awards and Scholarship program. Happening at Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert, The Galen and the Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden is the last *Galen First Fridays* of the season; and registration for summer Museum Art Camp is now open. Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion is now showcasing the Neutra Furniture Collection by VS for purchase, as an exclusive provider in the area.

On Monday, May 2, Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert, The Galen and the Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden opens registration for its engaging summer Museum Art Camp. The weeklong, hands-on art classes are 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/museumcamp or email summerartcamp@psmuseum.org.

The final *Galen First Fridays* of the season happens on May 6 from 4 to 9 p.m. at Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert, The Galen and the Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden. Along with free admission to the museum, visitors are invited to enjoy a docent tour at 4 p.m. for the exhibition *Baroque to Bling! High Art and Low from the Collection of Donna Macmillan*. Live entertainment follows later at 7:30 p.m. in the sculpture garden, featuring indie-rock trio, Goldensuns, an LAby-way-of-Utah band of brothers Jantzen, Chase ,and Weston Meier. *Galen First Fridays* is generously sponsored by Helene V. Galen, Babe's BBQ & Brewhouse and The Venue Sushi Bar & Sake Lounge. On Saturday, May 7 at 8 p.m., a special presentation at the Annenberg Theater at the main museum features an eclectic array of the desert's brightest musical talent. *Open Desert Music and Photographic Arts Showcase* brings to the stage Drum Hall, Tribesman, Caxton, and Mike Pygmie Ensemble. Showcased along with each band will be an internationally curated collection of photography that features imagery aligned to the theme "Open Desert." The photographs in this unique multi-sensory performance will be screened as a large-scale slideshow projection, creating a synergy of sight and sound while each band takes the prestigious Annenberg stage. A VIP pre-reception, sponsored by Coachella Valley Brewing Company, will also take place at 7 p.m. in the Palm Springs Art Museum atrium. Tickets are \$20 and \$40, available at psmuseum.org/annenberg-theater/schedule.

Following is *Free 2nd Sunday* at the main museum on May 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Art Party theme includes a variety of art forms for visitors to engage in, such as sculpting, printmaking and sketching in the galleries. With generous support from the H.N. and Frances C. Berger Foundation, admission to view the exhibitions and to participate in all activities is free.

This year's Fine Arts Creativity Awards and Scholarship program, supported by Georgia Fogelson who is on the museum Board of Trustees and a generous supporter of educational programs, will recognize students receiving scholarships at a reception on Friday, May 13, at [place]. The program was open to any high school or College of the Desert student enrolled in an art class. This year's theme, selected by community art instructors and the museum, to inspire students to create imaginative and inspired artworks, was *Heroes and Villains*. Awards will be presented to 21 students. Their works of art are on view at the main museum until May 15.

The Architecture and Design Center is pleased to now be the exclusive Inland Empire location to purchase Neutra Furniture by VS, with pieces available at The Bradford W. Bates Vault: Museum Design Store. In addition, custom orders can be taken. The furniture is modern in design with organic simplicity, comfort and functionality, designed by one of modernism's most influential architects, Richard Neutra.

Continuing exhibitions at the museum includes:

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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 September 4, 2017 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

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 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 <u>psmuseum.org</u>, and follow the museum on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.