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## PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM PRESENTS KINESTHESIA: LATIN AMERICAN KINETIC ART, 1954-1969, OPENING AUGUST 26

Exhibition Focuses on South American Epicenters of Midcentury Kinetic Art

**PALM SPRINGS, CA** (Sept. 8, 2017) – Palm Springs Art Museum is proud to present *Kinesthesia: Latin American Kinetic Art, 1954-1969*, the first in-depth examination of the pioneering South American artists of the international Kinetic Art Movement. This vibrant, groundbreaking exhibition opens on Saturday, August 26, and will be on view through January 15, 2018.

"Kinetic Art emerged in Europe in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century with its progenitors employing light, space, and motion to create an ethereal, almost sensuous experience for the viewer," said Elizabeth Armstrong, Palm Springs Art Museum's JoAnn McGrath Executive Director. "This exhibition serves as an introduction to the Latin American artists who played critical roles in the movement, while simultaneously providing a curatorial case for Kinetic Art as an important medium."

Presented as part of **Pacific Standard Time: LA/LA (PST: LA/LA)**, *Kinesthesia* begins with the layered "vibrational" works of Jesús Rafael Soto and goes on to explore more than 50 examples of Kinetic Art by Carlos Cruz-Diez, Gyula Kosice, Julio Le Parc, Martha Boto, Horacio Garcia-Rossi, Alejandro Otero, Abraham Palatnik and Gregorio Vardanega.

"Kinesthesia makes a compelling case that although Paris remains the indisputable capital of Kinetic Art, much of the Latin American work thought to be in that category did not come into being as a consequence of the movement, but often anticipated and unfolded in tandem with the better-known European developments," said Guest Curator Dan Cameron.

Kinesthesia: Latin American Kinetic Art, 1954-1969 is being presented as part of Pacific Standard Time: LA/LA (PST: LA/LA), a far-reaching and ambitious exploration of Latin American and Latino art in dialogue with Los Angeles. Supported by grants from the Getty Foundation, Pacific Standard Time: LA/LA takes place from September 2017 through January 2018 at more than 70 cultural institutions across Southern California, from Los Angeles to Palm Springs, and from San Diego to Santa Barbara. PST: LA/LA is an initiative of the Getty. The presenting sponsor is Bank of America.



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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 <a href="mailto:psmuseum.org">psmuseum.org</a>, and follow the museum on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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