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## **PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM ANNOUNCES GONZALO LEBRIJA EXHIBITION**

### **Contemporary Mexican artist uses a variety of media to create allegorical works**

PALM SPRINGS, CA (Jan. 24, 2022) Palm Springs Art Museum has announced an exhibition that surveys more than two decades of work by Mexican artist Gonzalo Lebrija. The exhibition, *Gonzalo Lebrija: Miracle of the Eternal Present* will be on view from April 22 – October 2, 2022 and will feature work in the full range of mediums that Lebrija employs: photography, video, sculpture, and painting. The artist uses these methods to frame familiar objects or activities, sometimes altered only slightly, to imbue them with poetic and symbolic force.

His works are generally unified by his search for evidence of higher meaning or transcendence. At times, he finds this transcendence through stasis: Cuban cigar smokers captured in a moment of repose offer a counterpoint to the agitated state of a modern, consumer-oriented society. He also finds extraordinary meaning in heroic figures like charros, traditional Mexican horse riders, with their majestic costumes and their virtuoso rope work. Lebrija is always looking for moments of interruption, breaks in our everydayness, events that introduce into modern society a sense of the miraculous.

Born in 1972, Gonzalo Lebrija lives and works in Guadalajara, Mexico. Widely exhibited, he has had solo exhibitions at Havana's Palacio de las Bellas Artes in Cuba, the Museo de Arte de Zapopan in Mexico, the 13th Istanbul Biennale, and The Center for the Arts, Monterrey, Mexico. His sculpture, *History of Suspended Time (A Monument to the Impossible)*, is currently on view across from the museum.

Organized by the Palm Springs Art Museum, this exhibition is curated by Adam Lerner, JoAnn McGrath Executive Director/CEO. This season's exhibitions are sponsored by the Herman & Faye Sarkowsky Charitable Foundation and Yvonne & Steve (in memoriam) Maloney.

Upcoming exhibitions at Palm Springs Art Museum include *Leon Polk Smith: 1945-1962*, featuring works by an artist who used brilliant colors and minimalist forms to challenge painting conventions, which runs March 26 – August 28, 2022 at the main downtown museum. At the Palm Springs Art Museum, Architecture and Design Center, *Pattern Play: The Contemporary Designs of Jacqueline Groag* will consider the work of one of the most influential and versatile post-war pattern designers and runs from

May 12 – November 20, 2022.

For more information about Palm Springs Art Museum exhibitions, programs, and events, please visit [psmuseum.org](http://psmuseum.org) or call (760) 322-4800.

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### **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, located in downtown Palm Springs, features compelling art exhibitions, a vast permanent collection, and the Annenberg Theater, all in a 150,000-square-foot, architecturally significant building. The Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion, features exhibitions and programming that explore the rich topics of architecture and design. In Palm Desert, Palm Springs Art Museum's four-acre Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden is open to the public from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week.