

**PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM REMEMBERS
THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF HAROLD MATZNER**

Palm Springs, CA (September 4, 2025) — Palm Springs Art Museum mourns the loss of Harold Matzner, a distinguished philanthropist, entrepreneur, and cultural leader in the Coachella Valley, who passed away on Thursday, September 4, at the age of 88.

Harold's relationship with the museum began in 1987 and continued for more than three decades. As Executive Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees for more than a decade, he played a vital role in shaping the museum's strategic direction and governance. His guidance, leadership, and commitment helped ensure the museum's stability and growth during pivotal years.

Harold's generosity to Palm Springs Art Museum was extraordinary. He contributed more than \$5 million to support exhibitions, educational initiatives, and capital projects. He stood behind every campaign and initiative, always acting as the museum's greatest champion. His legacy of philanthropy can be felt in every corner of the institution and in the countless lives touched by art, education, and culture.

Harold will be remembered not only for his leadership and generosity, but also for his unwavering belief in Palm Springs Art Museum as a place of inspiration and belonging. His impact on the museum and the broader Coachella Valley community will endure for generations.

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About Palm Springs Art Museum

Palm Springs Art Museum is the largest cultural institution in the Coachella Valley. 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. Five blocks away, 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. The museum's collection also contains two icons of modernist design: Frey House II on the mountainside behind the main building and Aluminaire House™ on museum grounds.