



**Palm Springs  
Art Museum**

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**Palm Springs Art Museum Celebrates  
Sold-Out Art Party 2026 Honoring Bob Mackie**

Palm Springs, CA (January 28, 2026) — Palm Springs Art Museum celebrated a sold-out evening at Art Party 2026, the museum’s annual fundraising gala honoring legendary designer **Bob Mackie**. The evening brought together artists, philanthropists, and cultural leaders in celebration of Mackie’s enduring influence on costume, design, and popular culture, with the award presented by his longtime collaborator and friend **Carol Burnett**.

Art Party 2026 exceeded expectations, successfully completing multiple matching gift challenges made possible through the generosity of Jane Emison, Jordan D. Schnitzer, and Steve Tobin & Johnny Krupa – The Grace Helen Spearman Charitable Foundation. Funds raised support Palm Springs Art Museum’s exhibitions, educational programs, and community engagement initiatives. The strong response reflected broad community support for the museum and its role as a cultural anchor in the Coachella Valley.

“We are deeply grateful to everyone who joined us for Art Party 2026,” said Christine Vendredi, JoAnn McGrath Executive Director of Palm Springs Art Museum. “While Art Party is our most dazzling night of the year, its impact extends far beyond the gala, ensuring meaningful access to art, exhibitions, and educational experiences for our entire community.”

The evening included a special onstage conversation with Bob Mackie, Carol Burnett, and TCM host Dave Karger, an exclusive performance by Tony Award winner Stephanie J. Block, and a live auction.

Palm Springs Art Museum extends its sincere thanks to Presenting Sponsors Steven Brown and Richard Cain, Art Party Co-Chairs Jonathan Murray and Harvey Reese, and the many sponsors and guests whose generosity made Art Party 2026 a remarkable success.

Special thanks are also extended to Bob Mackie and Joe McFate, Carol Burnett and Angie Horejsi, Bernadette Peters, P!nk, Cher, and Stephanie J. Block for their participation and support, which helped make Art Party 2026 an unforgettable celebration of art and community.

[View Art Party 2026 images here.](#)

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### **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 explores architecture and design. The museum's collection also contains two icons of modernist design: *Frey House II* (1962) on the mountainside behind the main building and *Aluminaire House™* (1932) on museum grounds.