



Palm Springs  
Art Museum

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**PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM AND THE PALM SPRINGS BLACK HISTORY COMMITTEE  
ANNOUNCE BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2026 PROGRAMS**

Palm Springs, CA (January 26, 2026) — Palm Springs Art Museum and the Palm Springs Black History Committee present a month-long series of public programs honoring the 2026 national **Black History Month** theme, *A Century of Black History*

**Commemorations.** Throughout February, the museum will present live performances, educational programs, and public gatherings that reflect on a century of Black history while highlighting the ongoing contributions of Black artists, makers, and cultural leaders.

All programs are free to attend with registration. More details and registration are available at [psmuseum.org](http://psmuseum.org).

**Black History Month 2026 Program Schedule**

*Important Note: Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Programs begin at 6:00 p.m.*

**February 5, 5:00–8:00 p.m.**

Opening Celebration: A Century of Black History Commemorations

*Main Museum*

Kick off Black History Month with a community celebration featuring the James O Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center drumline and drill team. Remarks will be shared by the Palm Springs Black History Committee, Christine Vendredi, JoAnn McGrath Executive Director of Palm Springs Art Museum, and Naomi Soto, Mayor of Palm Springs. The evening includes a live performance by Poetic Moor and small bites by Tasteful Soul Catering with Chef Corinne.

**February 12, 5:00–8:00 p.m.**

Fashioning Architecture: Spotlight on Virgil Abloh

*Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion*

Held at the Architecture and Design Center, this program offers a focused conversation on the life and legacy of Virgil Abloh and explores Abloh's global impact on fashion, art, and architecture. The evening continues with a celebratory mixer featuring a live DJ set by Bae Bae. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

**February 19, 5:00–8:00 p.m.**

The Female Form: College Night

### *Main Museum, Annenberg Theater*

Designed especially for college students, this educational evening focuses on *The Female Form: Tom Wesselmann & Mickalene Thomas from the Collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer and His Family Foundation* and includes a guided exhibition tour led by museum art educators. The night concludes with a live performance by Dare House.

**February 26, 5:00–8:00 p.m.**

Closing Celebration: Artist and Maker Pop Up

### *Main Museum, Elrod Garden*

Black History Month programming concludes with an outdoor celebration in the Elrod Garden. Guests can enjoy small bites from Tasteful Soul Catering with Chef Corinne, a pop-up bar, live music from Million, and a market curated by Alice Flores Combs. Participating artists and makers include Aaliya Marie, Aaron L Madson, Lunar Jewelz, Isley Permanent Jewelry, Malakai Strong, Mojave Witch, Palm Springs in Colour, Jigsaww, and Ree Miix Art.

### **Partners and Sponsors**

Palm Springs Art Museum is proud to partner with the Palm Springs Black History Committee and thanks them for their support and partnership. Free Thursday Night programming is sponsored by the City of Palm Springs. All events are free with registration. Visit [psmuseum.org](http://psmuseum.org) for full program details and to reserve your place.

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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.

### **Palm Springs Black History Committee**

The Mission of the Palm Springs Black History Committee is to promote unity to diverse cultures of the Coachella Valley and build a spirit of cooperation between the diverse cultures and educate about contributions of local African-Americans in building the vibrant Coachella Valley.