



**Palm Springs Art Museum Features Renowned Photographer Michael Childers for *The Art of Conversation* Speakers Series**

**PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (January 8, 2015)** – The Museum Associates Council or “MAC” at Palm Springs Art Museum is pleased to present an evening with Michael Childers, renowned photographer, producer and art collector. As one of the featured speakers for *The Art of Conversation* Speakers Series, this special presentation with Childers takes place on **Sunday, January 25** from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at the Annenberg Theater.

The evening begins with a screening of Childers’ new documentary short film about his life and work, *Hollywood in the Desert Sky*. Written and directed by Mary Silverman, editor of *Desert Magazine*, Silverman will interview Childers after the screening, with a cocktail reception to follow. Childers has been a renowned and highly respected film, dance, and theater photographer for forty years, having studied with photography greats Robert Heinenken and Edward Teske.

Widely known for his acclaimed portraits of the icons of popular culture, Childers’ stunning portraits include Natalie Wood, Robert Wagner, Clint Eastwood, Catherine Deneuve, Rock Hudson, and Carol Channing. He also photographed numerous celebrities prior to their fame, including Sissy Spacek, Demi Moore, Mel Gibson, John Travolta, Richard Gere, and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Childers’ assemblage also consists of portraits of legendary film industry directors, contemporary artists, architects, writers and musicians. Among the collection are photographs of Andy Warhol, David Hockney, Billy Wilder, John Schlesinger, Edith Head, Sam Francis, Edward Ruscha, Robert Graham, Ed Moses, Ringo Starr, Cat Stevens, Grace Jones, and Rod Stewart.

For additional information and to purchase tickets contact the Museum Associates Council (MAC) at (760) 322-4816. Each event costs \$75 per person. For more information about Palm Springs Art Museum visit [www.psmuseum.org](http://www.psmuseum.org) or call (760) 322-4884.

**About The Museum Associates Council (MAC):**

The Museum Associates Council or “MAC” was established in 1966 by a small group of members with a strong desire to assist in the ongoing promotion and funding of museum programs. Today, more than 250 dedicated MAC members plan and execute a variety of fundraising events, while promoting a strong

camaraderie between members and a shared passion for Palm Springs Art Museum. The funds raised each year by MAC allows Palm Springs Art Museum to offer exceptional opportunities for up to 15,000 children and others who take part in the many activities. Money raised also supports essential museum operations which allow for world-class exhibitions.

### **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 is located in downtown Palm Springs and features compelling art exhibitions and a vast permanent collection, all on view in a 150,000 square foot, architecturally-significant building. The soon-to-open Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion will feature exhibitions and programming that explore the rich topics of architecture and design. Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert is an 8,400 square foot, Silver LEED-certified building named The Galen that presents rotating exhibitions and special collections. It is surrounded by the four-acre Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden featuring important sculpture works. For more information, call 760-322-4800, visit [www.psmuseum.org](http://www.psmuseum.org), and follow the museum on Facebook, Twitter and InstaGram.