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PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM ANNOUNCES SPRING OUTBURST ARTIST

Program allows artists to experiment with new bodies of work

PALM SPRINGS, CA (Jan. 27, 2023) Palm Springs Art Museum's **Outburst Projects**—small-format exhibitions featuring work by emerging artists—will next feature New York-based artist **Tajh Rust** who uses portraiture to explore relationships to physical and psychological spaces.

The museum launched the Outburst program in early 2022 with Los Angeles-based artists **Mr. Wash** and **Devin Reynolds**. The second iteration featured five Southern California artists: **Gabriela Ruiz, Karla Ekatherine Canseco, Maria Maea, Ruben Ulises Rodriguez Montoya, and Clara Nieblas**.

Tajh Rust received a BFA from Cooper Union in 2011 and an MFA from Yale University in 2019; he participated in the inaugural Black Rock Senegal residency in 2019. Of his work, Tajh says, "The subjects of the paintings are seen waiting, contemplating, and considering. Whether the gaze meets the viewer's or rests on something unseen by us, we are met with a range of emotions and are left to imagine what the people in the paintings may be thinking. There are recurring motifs of doubling, whether through reflections or shadows, that are facilitated by the presence of water and glass."

Outburst was created by the museum's Executive Director/CEO **Adam Lerner** who says, "The program was designed to give emerging artists both the opportunity and creative freedom to explore. I'm pleased to bring Tajh to our community and introduce his work to our visitors. His portraits are often rendered in startling bright colors that create a fascinating tension when contrasted with the quiet, thoughtful gazes of his subjects. The museum has not done a portrait-based exhibition in a long time, which brings added excitement to this iteration of Outburst."

The exhibition, *Tajh Rust, Reflections*, will run from February 16 - July 16, 2023.

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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.