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**Palm Springs Art Museum Presents "The Love Bite: An Irreverent Comedy by Luke Yankee"
Featuring Special Guest Joyce Bulifant**

PALM SPRINGS, CA (February 13, 2025) Palm Springs Art Museum is delighted to announce a special enhanced stage reading of "The Love Bite," a satirical and thought-provoking comedy by award-winning playwright, director, screenwriter, and author Luke Yankee. The performance, directed by Luke Yankee, will take place on March 2, 2025, from 12:00 -1:00 p.m. at the Annenberg Theater at Palm Springs Art Museum.

"The Love Bite" begins with an awkward romantic encounter in a small Irish town, leading to a miraculous event when a resulting hickey bears a striking resemblance to Jesus Christ. This mark is discovered to have genuine healing powers for anyone who touches it, setting the stage for a narrative rich in satire and humor.

The play was previously produced in Los Angeles at the Skylight Theatre, featuring film and TV star Harry Hamlin ("Clash of the Titans," "LA LAW," and "Mad Men"). The production received rave reviews from critics in southern California.

Palm Springs Art Museum is thrilled to welcome the legendary Joyce Bulifant to the Annenberg Theater for this special performance. With a career spanning stage, screen, and television, Bulifant's charm and talent have made her a beloved figure in entertainment. Best known for her role as Marie Slaughter on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," she has also delighted audiences in the cult comedy classic "Airplane!," the Disney musical "The Happiest Millionaire," and countless TV appearances, including "Perry Mason," "Gunsmoke," "My Three Sons," "Just Shoot Me," and "Weird Science." The rest of the stellar cast includes Broadway veterans Tim Ewing, Wayne Bryan, Kevin Bailey, Barbara Niles and newcomers Samantha Borthwick & Aaron Lipp. The event will be stage managed by Don Hill.

VIP tickets are available for \$75 (\$40 tax-deductible) and include a one-hour brunch inspired reception before the performance, along with priority seating at the front of the theater. The VIP Reception will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., followed by the show starting at 12:00 p.m. Doors will open at 11:45 a.m.

General Admission tickets are priced at \$35 (tax-deductible). [Tickets can be purchased online at The Love Bite: An Irreverent Comedy by Luke Yankee.](#)

Don't miss this opportunity to experience a performance that balances humor with thought-provoking themes, featuring the legendary Joyce Bulifant. For more information on the museum and its exhibitions, programs, and events, please visit psmuseum.org.

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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.