



**Palm Springs  
Art Museum**

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**PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM CEO ADAM LERNER TO CONCLUDE TENURE  
AFTER TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP**

Palm Springs, CA (April 15, 2025) — Palm Springs Art Museum announces today that Adam Lerner, JoAnn McGrath Executive Director / CEO, will conclude his tenure at the end of his current contract. After four impactful years at the helm, Lerner has made the decision not to renew his contract, marking the end of a dynamic chapter in the museum’s history.

Since joining the museum in 2021, Adam has led with vision, creativity, and a deep commitment to community and culture. Under his leadership, the museum has expanded its artistic reach, reenergized its programming, and strengthened its position as a vital and inclusive cultural institution in the Coachella Valley.

“Adam’s tenure has been nothing short of transformative,” states Jane Emison, Chair of the Board of Trustees. “He brought fresh energy to the museum at a pivotal time. His leadership helped shape a more connected and community-centered institution, and we are incredibly thankful for his contributions. We’re excited to build on that momentum as we look ahead.”

Highlights of Lerner’s leadership include substantially increasing attendance and fundraising, launching a groundbreaking program dedicated to LGBTQ+ voices, shepherding the realization of the Aluminaire House™, as well as enhancing the executive team. Lerner’s thoughtful stewardship through the challenges of recent years has positioned the museum to emerge stronger, more innovative, and more engaged with its audiences than ever before.

At the conclusion of Lerner’s contract, Chief Curator Christine Vendredi will assume the role of Interim CEO while the Board of Trustees launches a national search for Lerner’s successor.

“Palm Springs Art Museum is a truly special place, and I’m incredibly proud of everything we’ve accomplished together,” said Lerner. “This is the right moment—for me personally and for the museum’s further evolution. I leave with great excitement for its future and unwavering support for the team and community who make it all possible.”

With a rich history, innovative programming, talented staff, and a passionate community, Palm Springs Art Museum is poised to continue its growth as a cultural beacon for the Coachella Valley and beyond.

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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.