

Palm Springs Art Museum Announces FREE Community Events for Frida Kahlo Exhibition

Frida Kahlo: Through the Lens of Nickolas Muray
Runs Through November 16, 2008

September 29, 2008 (Palm Springs, CA) – Fans of world-renowned Frida Kahlo will have many opportunities at the Palm Springs Art Museum in the next few weeks to enjoy free educational programs based on the exhibition *Frida Kahlo: Through the Lens of Nickolas Muray* currently on view in the art museum. Activities range from movie screenings to family activities to lectures, all aimed at providing a glimpse into Frida Kahlo's life as a political and artistic revolutionary.

For more information about any of this programming, contact Abby Figueroa at 760.322.4851 or email at afigueroa@psmuseum.org.

FREE FILM SCREENING: THIS SUNDAY

Frida (2002)

Sunday, October 5, 2 p.m. in the Annenberg Theater at the art museum

Frida's story comes to life on the big screen in the widely acclaimed 2002 film *Frida*, starring Salma Hayek. *Frida* chronicles the life Frida Kahlo (Salma Hayek) shared unflinchingly and openly with Diego Rivera (Alfred Molina), as the young couple took the art world by storm. From her complex and enduring relationship with her mentor and husband to her illicit and controversial affairs with Leon Trotsky and Nickolas Muray, Frida Kahlo lived a bold and uncompromising life as a political and artistic revolutionary. Admission to this screening is FREE. The film runs 123 minutes and is rated R for sexuality/nudity and language.

Art & Writing Workshop

The Art of Introspection

Saturday, October 11, 11 a.m.

Writer and poet Juan Delgado will lead a creative nonfiction workshop inspired by Frida Kahlo's portraits, her paintings and life story. Participants are asked to bring their own notepads and be ready to write! Seating is limited to the first 30 people. This event is FREE.

Juan Delgado is the English Department Chair at the California State University of San Bernardino, where he teaches analysis courses in drama and poetry. He also teaches all the Creative Writing Courses connected to poetry and classes in Contemporary Poetry, Chicano Literature, and Approaches to Imaginative Writing, a graduate course. He has produced four books of poems and was a visiting poet for the University of Miami's Masters of Fine Arts program.

Lecture

Frida: Icon as Subject

Sunday, October 12, 2 p.m.

Professor Dan Whitaker will lecture on Frida Kahlo, photographer Nickolas Muray and their relationship that helped create her worldwide image. The lecture is FREE and open to the public. Dan Whitaker teaches in the Department of World Languages and Literatures at California State University, San Bernardino.

Family Activities

Faces: Frida's, Yours and Mine

Sunday, October 19, 2 p.m.

Thursday, October 23, 6 p.m.

Participants for this fun family activity will sit on the museum's "story quilt" and listen to the reading of Jonah Winter's *Frida* read by museum staff. *Frida* is a playful glimpse into the Frida Kahlo's life and work. Filled with the folk art icons of her Mexican culture--monkeys, devils, smiling skeletons, and sympathetic jaguars depicted with acrylics and wax on paper--the book describes, in short streams of text, the feisty, irreverent, fierce nature of the artist. After the reading, children will be encouraged to make their own self-portrait by sketching, painting or through photography. These activities are FREE.

Community Day

Day of the Dead

Saturday, November 1, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Day of the Dead was a favorite holiday of Frida's and the art museum will host a series of activities on this day. Participants can join a masked procession through downtown Palm Springs, make art with the whole family, visit traditional and contemporary altar installations (including an altar dedicated to Frida). There will be music by Mariachi Sol de Mexico de José Valdez and screenings of three films that reveal the roots of Day of the Dead. Admission to the museum and to all events this day is FREE.

Gallery Talks

Bilingual tours of the exhibition are offered every Sunday at 1 p.m. Join a docent-led tour through the special exhibition that provides a fascinating account of Frida and her relationship with photographer Nickolas Muray. These tours are FREE with paid admission to the museum.

Located downtown in an architecturally-significant E. Stewart Williams-designed building, the Palm Springs Art Museum features exciting exhibitions of contemporary, Native American, Western and Pre-Columbian art in spacious galleries. It features two sculpture gardens, stimulating lectures and educational programs for all ages, and offers diverse performances at its Annenberg Theater. The Art Museum is open six days a week; Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is free to members; \$12.50 for adults; \$10.50 for seniors 62 and over; \$5 for adult students and active-duty military with I.D. and free for youths 17 and under. For more information, call 760.322.4800 or visit www.psmuseum.org.

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