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**Public Arts Commission to Celebrate 30th Anniversary with Special Exhibit “30 x 30: 30 Years of Public Art in Palm Springs, May 16 - June 6**

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The Palm Springs Public Arts Commission will cap its 30th Anniversary celebration with an exhibit entitled “30 x 30: 30 Years of Public Art in Palm Springs”, which will be on display at the Palm Springs Art Museum from **May 16 - June 6, 2019**. In addition, there will be an opening reception and panel discussion on “The Future of Public Art in Palm Springs” on **Thursday, May 16 at 6 pm**.

The City of Palm Springs sponsors **Free Thursday Nights** at the Museum, which brought more than 40,000 visitors last year to enjoy a series of special events, as well as on-going exhibits.

For this special exhibit, the public is invited to share ideas to reimagine, redefine, and rethink public art. The call for submissions reads:

“Do you have an idea for public art? What kind of public art would you like to see in the City of Palm Springs? Where would you like to see new public art? How do we interact with public art? What should public art look like?” These questions are meant to inspire new ideas for public art. Information on how to submit works of art in any medium can be found on the Public Arts Commission’s website at [www.pspublicarts.com](http://www.pspublicarts.com). The deadline to submit is May 6.

So far this year, the 30th Anniversary year has seen the creation of “A Felt Eye View of Public Art,” a street party on Museum Way, and the approval or commissioning of eight murals, including Line Segments in the ‘Art Pit,’ and a Graffiti Art Park on the future Virgin Hotel site. Both of these were possible through the generous cooperation of Grit Development, which also commissioned the ‘Isabelle’ sculpture next to the Rowan Hotel, and arranged for the loan of Czech artist David Cerny’s world famous baby sculptures in the “Art Pit” directly behind the Rowan Hotel.

### Upcoming Events

**The Palm Springs Public Arts Commission sponsors Free Thursday evenings at the Palm Springs Art Museum from 4-8pm**

**April 19-May 6**, Call for Artists for 30th Annual Public Art Exhibit.

**April 11:** “Strong Words,” Free Thursday evening Pop-Up activity at the Palm Springs Art Museum.

**May 16 – June 6:** Public Art Exhibit: “30x30: 30 Years of Public Art in Palm Springs,” Palm Springs Art Museum.

**May 15-18:** Participation in Neighborhoods USA Conference.

**May 16:** Panel Discussion, “The Future of Public Art in Palm Springs,” the Palm Springs Art Museum.

