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## **BOOK TALKS AT MUSEUM OPENS 2015-2016 SEASON WITH AUTHOR PAUL CHAAT SMITH (COMANCHE)**

PALM SPRINGS, CA, September 11, 2015 - In partnership with Palm Springs Public Library, Agua Caliente Cultural Museum will open the 2015-2016 season with a Book Talks presentation by Paul Chaat Smith (Comanche) on Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 pm in the Public Library located at 300 South Sunrise Way.

Author, essayist, and Associate Curator at the National Museum of the American Indian, Smith will read from some of his works, most notably, *Everything You Know About Indians Is Wrong*. His books and exhibitions focus on the contemporary landscape of American Indian politics and culture. He is both entertaining and profound. Copies of *Everything You Know About Indians Is Wrong* will be available at the Museum Store and at the event.

Appointed Critic in Residence three times in galleries in the U.S. and Canada, Smith's exhibitions and essays have explored the work of Richard Ray Whitman, Baco Ohama, Faye HeavyShield, Shelley Niro, Erica Lord, and Kent Monkman. He has lectured at the National Gallery of Art, Center for the Arts in San Francisco, and the Getty Center for the History of Art and the Humanities in Los Angeles. His television appearances include the 1995 Canadian series *Markings* with Neil Bissondath, and served as creative consultant for the American Experience series *We Shall Remain: A Native History of America*, broadcast on PBS in April 2009.



Admission is free. For additional information, call 760.833.8169 or e-mail [cvictor@accmuseum.org](mailto:cvictor@accmuseum.org).

Information about all 2015-2016 exhibitions, educational programs, and cultural

festivals is available on the Museum Web site at [www.accmuseum.org](http://www.accmuseum.org).

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## About Agua Caliente Cultural Museum

In 1991, a modest museum of less than 1,600 square feet was founded to collect and preserve stories and artifacts of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians and share them with local residents and visitors alike. Today, Museum programming provides a thriving resource for Native and non-Native people and a dynamic forum for permanent residents and visitors of all ages.

Museum offerings that serve over 28,000 adults and children each year include: quality exhibitions at the Museum, at off-site locations, and online; stimulating and enlightening lectures; classes and demonstrations that feature hands-on experiences with Native skills and crafts; a six-day Native film festival and other cultural special events; library and archives research opportunities; Museum tours; guided cultural hikes; and presentations for students in schools.

For teachers, students, artists, scholars, and collectors the Museum's holdings provide unique research and archival resources -- from recordings of a tribal *net* (ceremonial and political leader) to the documentation of ongoing challenges made to tribal land and water rights. Free online resources are available on the Museum Web site at [www.accmuseum.org](http://www.accmuseum.org).

Agua Caliente Cultural Museum is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit institution. In keeping with its mission, the Museum inspires people to learn about the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians and other Native cultures through exhibitions, collections, research, and educational programs.

In recognition of its role as a regional and national resource, Agua Caliente Cultural Museum was the first Native American museum to be part of the prestigious Smithsonian Institution Affiliations Program. The association with Smithsonian Institution provides opportunities for a mutual sharing of resources in collections, scholarship, programming, and technical expertise, and entitles the Museum to bring world-acclaimed Smithsonian exhibitions to the Coachella Valley.

Agua Caliente Cultural Museum is located at 219 South Palm Canyon Drive in downtown Palm Springs. The Museum is open September through May -- Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 am to 5:00 PM and June through August -- Friday through Sunday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. [Admission to the Museum is free.](#)

Administration Offices of the Museum are located at 901 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Suite C-204, Palm Springs, CA 92262. Additional information is available at 760.778.1079 or visit [www.accmuseum.org](http://www.accmuseum.org).

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