





LAGUNA BEACH

## Bright Idea

Palm Desert-based artist Phillip K. Smith
III explores perception, space and time in
his bold light-based oeuvre. On view at the
Laguna Art Museum, his installation Bent
Parallel blends outsize walls of color to
dazzling and illusory effect (through Jan.
15; lagunaartmuseum.org). Up next: an
installation for Desert X (Feb. 25-April 30,
desertx.org), Coachella Valley's inaugural,

beauty, energy and subtlety of the world. Favorite medium? Anything translucent. Translucency creates a kind of mystery of light and has the ability to make light physical—the feeling that you can pick it up and hold it. Who would you like to collaborate with? James Turrell, Robert Irwin and the Dan Flavin estate—at the Colosseum in Rome. What can you tell us about your Desert X installation? I'm thinking that I will be reconfiguring 1/4 Mile Arc [Smith's large-scale outdoor installation artwork commissioned by Laguna Art Museum] to create a composition that will take place in the middle of the desert as opposed to the ocean versus land. It's a 360-degree experience. What can you not live without? A pen and a piece of paper. Every single project I have ever made begins with a piece of paper and a pen. pks3.com. • GABÉ HIRSCHOWITZ

