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Award-Winning Theatre, Stunning Exhibitions and Expanded Art School Offerings Slated for the FAC's 2017-2018 Season

COLORADO SPRINGS (**March 3, 2017**) — The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center (FAC) has announced the line-up for the 2017-2018 season which kicks off in September and will include world-renowned artists such as Jennifer Steinkamp, Raven Chacon, Mary Cassatt, and Pablo Picasso, life-changing workshops like the Military Artistic Healing program, and award-winning theatre productions such as the regional premiere of *Fun Home* and the modern classic *Annie* for the holiday season.

The FAC has experienced tremendous success in previous seasons. The 2016-2017 theatre season, coming to a close in June, will be the most attended season in FAC history. And recently named Best Museum, Best Theatre Company, Best Arts Summer Camp, and Commercial Gallery in Colorado Springs by *The Gazette*, momentum is far from slowing at the FAC. Continuing with this upward trend, the 2017-2018 season programming schedule is an impressive line-up that will delight every person who walks through the FAC doors.

MUSEUM PROGRAMMING

- *The Stories of the Southwest* (March 25-Dec. 31, 2017)
- *Everyday Extraordinary: From Rembrandt to Warhol, Selections from the Mower Collection* (June 24-Sept. 17, 2017)
- *Wendy Mike and De Lane Bredvik: Ragnarök* (July 16, 2017-Jan. 7, 2018)
- *Raizes/Roots: Transformations in Contemporary Brazilian Art* (Aug. 19-Nov. 15, 2017)
- *Raven Chacon: Lightning Strike* (Oct. 14, 2017-Jan. 7, 2018)
- *Jennifer Steinkamp: Judy Crook* (Oct. 14, 2017-Jan. 21, 2018)
- *Steven Durow: Heartland* (Oct. 14, 2017-Jan. 21, 2018)
- *FAC Legacy Series: Adolf Dehn Land/City* (Dec. 9, 2017-March 18, 2018)
- *Chiho Aoshima: Takaamanohara* (Feb. 3-May 6, 2018)
- *Yoshitomo Saito: millionyarseeds* (Feb. 3-May 6, 2018)
- *Loas, History and Memory* (Feb. 10-May 20, 2018)

THEATRE PROGRAMMING

2017-2018 Mainstage Theatre Season

- *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery* by Ken Ludwig; Regional Premiere! Oct. 5-29, 2017
- *Annie* by Martin Charnin, Charles Strouse & Thomas Meehan Dec. 7, 2017-Jan. 7, 2018
- *Intimate Apparel* by Lynn Nottage; Regional Premiere! Feb. 8-25, 2018
- *Fun Home* by Lisa Kron & Jeanine Tesori, based on the graphic novel by Alison Bechdel; Regional Premiere! March 29-April 22, 2018
- *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* by David Yazbek & Jeffrey Lane; Regional Premiere! May 24-June 17, 2018

2017-2018 Family Series Theatre Season

- *Parallel Lives* by Kathy Najimy & Mo Gaffney Sept. 8-Oct. 1, 2017
- *Bunnacula* James & Deborah Howe: authors, Jon Klein: playwright, Chris Jeffries: composer; Regional Premiere! Oct. 13-Nov. 12, 2017
- *Androcles and the Lion* by Aurand Harris March 2-April 1, 2018
- *Fully Committed* by Becky Mode; Regional Premiere! April 27-May 20, 2018
- *Too Much Light Makes The Baby Go Blind* by Greg Allen June 29-July 21, 2018

FAC'S BEMIS SCHOOL OF ART PROGRAMMING

- Award-winning documentary film maker, Tom Shepard, will return to teach two documentary workshops summer 2017. Tom Shepard has produced and directed four award-winning feature documentaries that have broadcast nationally on PBS. His films have won top awards at the Sundance Film Festival and have screened at hundreds of film festivals, theatres and universities around the world.
- The award-winning Military Artistic Healing and Military Family Artistic Healing programs will continue throughout 2017-2018
- Continued offering of hundreds of enriching classes year-round to all ages and skill levels
- Introducing classes and workshops in new mediums such as glass work, calligraphy, casting, sculpture, printmaking, bookmaking and more
- Introducing new instructors along with a collection of visiting artists (regional and international)

Fine Arts Center

In 1919 the Broadmoor Art Academy (BAA) was established in the former home of philanthropists Julie and Spencer Penrose. After the Great Depression hit in 1929, the BAA looked at diversifying further, expanding into an entire arts district under one roof. And that's how the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center (FAC) came to be. The FAC, built in 1936, is a privately funded, non-profit art museum, professional theatre company and arts education center. Built on the foundation of the prestigious BAA, the FAC carries the legacy of Colorado's arts and cultural heritage. One of 16 charter members of the American Alliance of Museums, the FAC offers the best in visual arts via its permanent collection and travelling exhibitions, as a TCG member theatre company, and through arts education with the FAC's Bemis School of Art. The FAC building is considered an architectural treasure in the Rocky Mountain region, designed by John Gaw Meem, and is listed on the National Register of Historical Places. For information, visit csfineartscenter.org

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