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Showing Support and Gratitude for the Military Community through Free and Discounted Arts Experiences

COLORADO SPRINGS (May 17, 2016) — The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center (FAC) is proud to announce that the Blue Star Theatres and Museums program have been renewed for another year. These initiatives recognize the profound contributions of service families and seek to build stronger connections between arts institutions, military families and their communities.

The Blue Star Theatres program offers member pricing to military personnel for the purchase of any single theatre ticket throughout the season and the Blue Star Museums program offers free admission to all active duty, National Guard, and Reserve military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

With Colorado Springs being home to five military installations: Fort Carson, the United States Air Force Academy, the North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson Air Force Base, and Schriever Air Force Base, the FAC has a long-standing commitment to the military personnel in the community and is pleased to participate in these programs, joining hundreds of cultural institutions around the country.

Blue Star Theatres is a partnership among the Theatre Communications Group (TCG) with leadership support provided by the MetLife Foundation through Blue Star Families. There are currently 153 participating theatres participating in this program.

Blue Star Museums is a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 2,000 museums across the country. Leadership support has been provided by the MetLife Foundation through Blue Star Families.

Fine Arts Center

The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center's (FAC) story began in 1919 as the Broadmoor Art Academy (BAA). 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 FAC came to be, as it is known today. The name was changed to the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center and an expansive building was created to house a multi-disciplinary center for the arts. The FAC, a privately-funded, nonprofit organization, opened the doors on the exciting architectural treasure in 1936 as an art museum, professional theatre company, and arts education center. The FAC building is considered an architectural landmark in the Rocky Mountain region, designed by John Gaw Meem, and is listed on the National Register for Historical Places. For information, visit csfineartscenter.org.

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