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## **Colorado Creative Industries Awards the FAC with a Grant**

*COLORADO SPRINGS (August 11, 2016)* — The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center (FAC) has received a matching grant of \$10,000 from Colorado Creative Industries (CCI), a division of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade. This grant was awarded through CCI's Colorado Creates Program and supports general operating costs.

State grants are awarded through a competitive process. This grant signifies that the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center provides a high-level of quality in its programs, community service and administrative ability.

Supporting the critical infrastructure ensures that the FAC is able to support and maintain its organization as it pursues its mission. Arts and culture are fundamental to a healthy and flourishing community. Supporting the FAC's general operations is an investment in the arts and culture of our community, allowing it to strengthen its collaborations and reach more people through its programming, exhibitions, productions and classes.

The FAC's top priority is to focus on what it does best: provide extraordinary arts experiences to the whole community. The grant from CCI supports the FAC's working capital needs in order to help meet its responsibility to the public with confidence.

### **Colorado Creative Industries**

In July 2010, Colorado's new Creative Industries Division merged the former Council on the Arts and Art in Public Places program to capitalize on the immense potential for our creative sector to drive economic growth in Colorado. For more information, visit [coloradocreativeindustries.org](http://coloradocreativeindustries.org)

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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, thus leading to what is now known as the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center (FAC). 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 Association of Museums, the FAC offers the best in the world of visual arts via its permanent collection and travelling exhibitions, in performing arts as a TCG member theatre company, and in arts education through 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 more information, visit [csfineartscenter.org](http://csfineartscenter.org)

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