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Hilarious Comedy Acts Hit the FAC Stage!

COLORADO SPRINGS (Dec 1, 2016) — The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center (FAC) is thrilled to bring Paula Poundstone (Jan 27) and Kathleen Madigan (May 4) to the FAC stage for gut-busting comedy performances. These two comedic powerhouses in addition to the existing comedy on the calendar make the FAC a comedic hotbed.

An Evening With Paula Poundstone – January 27

Heralded as one of our country's foremost comics, Paula Poundstone's quick-thinking, unscripted approach to comedy makes for a perfect fit as a regular panelist on NPR's #1 show, the screwball weekly news quiz show WAIT WAIT...DON'T TELL ME! where she holds the record for game losses. "The others cheat," Poundstone says, "you wouldn't think NPR would put up with that."

In 2016 Paula voiced the character "Forgetter Paula" in Disney/Pixar's Academy Award-winning animated feature film, *Inside Out*. In June 2016, her first double-live CD, *North By Northwest: Paula Poundstone Live!* debuted at #1 on both Amazon's "Hot New Releases – Non Fiction" and "Comedy CD" lists. Paula is also an author. Her second hardcover book, will debut on May 9, 2017. Paula also appeared on the hit television drama, *Major Crimes* and she has also done commentaries for *CBS Sunday Morning*.

Kathleen Madigan: Bothering Jesus Tour – May 4

Over Kathleen Madigan's 25-year career she has performed on nearly every late night show ever made. Leno, Letterman, Conan, Ferguson, *The Nightly Show with Larry Wilmore*, and on *Ron White's Salute To The Troops* on CMT, her fifth appearance on the annual show. Previously she's released 5 CDs and 3 DVDs and starred in 2 HBO specials, 3 Comedy Central specials and her previous one-hour special, *Gone Madigan*, premiered on Showtime and is available on Netflix.

Kathleen's won the American Comedy Award for "Best Female Comedian" and the Phyllis Diller award for "Best Female Comedian." She has written and produced for Lewis Black's "Root of all Evil" on Comedy Central and for Gary Shandling's Emmy monologues. Kathleen's done two USO tours to Iraq and Afghanistan with pals Lewis Black, Robin Williams, John Bowman and musicals acts Kid Rock, The Zac Brown Band, Kix Brooks and Kellie Pickler. She also remains the only comedian in the history of NBC's *Last Comic Standing* to go unchallenged by any other comedian - meaning no comedian would say they were funnier than her.

Kevin Smith and Jason Mewes – December 14

Kevin Smith and Jason Mewes will start off the evening at 7p recording their comedy podcast *Jay & Silent Bob Get Old*. Then, Smith will finish the evening with a solo Q&A show at 9:30p.

Film icons Kevin Smith and Jason Mewes made history and fans all over the world with the characters Jay & Silent Bob from the movies *Clerks*, *Mallrats*, *Chasing Amy*, *Dogma*, *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back*

and *Clerks 2*. Ranked #1 on iTunes Comedy podcasts, this is a sometimes touching, always hilarious look at what happens when two people grow up in Hollywood's gaze. These limited engagements will be recorded as the stories evolve live in front of the audience, and released for free on Smodcast.com.

Smith's solo Q&A show, *An Evening with Kevin Smith*, allows audience members to be part of the show in a personal and interactive session where the crowd can ask Smith about anything. Get up close and very personal, with the man everyone has been waiting to hear from...Silent Bob!

Happy Hour Stand-Up – December 2 & January 6

Back by popular demand! Get your laugh on at our gut-busting stand-up comedy hour, upstairs in our Music Room at 6p. Due to adult content, this event is suitable for 18+. Join us on December 2 to see Erik Knowles, 1st place winner of The World Series of Comedy in 2016! Erik's show leaves everyone satisfied. He looks back nostalgically, at his younger days in the Marines, boot camp, partying, and even a few war stories from his time in overseas in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He then contrasts that with a witty look at his adult life full of responsibilities, becoming a stepfather, and his uncontrollable desire to challenge social stigmas. His comedy is refreshing and edgy without being filthy.

Paula Poundstone

When: Jan 27, 2017 | 7p

Where: Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, 30 W. Dale St.

Tickets: On sale Thursday, Dec 1 | Starting at \$36 FAC Members; \$40 Reserved Seating

Something else: Poundstone's 2013 and 2015 FAC shows SOLD OUT!

Kathleen Madigan

When: May 4, 2017 | 7p

Where: Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, 30 W. Dale St.

Tickets: On sale Thursday, Dec 1 | Starting at \$36 FAC Members; \$40 Reserved Seating

Jay & Silent Bob Get Old

When: Dec 14, 2016 | 7p

Where: Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, 30 W. Dale St.

Tickets: On sale Friday, Aug 5 | Starting at \$36

Something else: Smith and Mewe's 2015 show SOLD OUT!

An Evening with Kevin Smith

When: Dec 14, 2016 | 9:30p

Where: Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, 30 W. Dale St.

Tickets: On sale Friday, Aug 5 | Starting at \$36 FAC Members; \$40 Reserved Seating

Something else: Smith's 2015 show SOLD OUT!

Happy Hour Stand-Up

When: Dec 2, 2016 & Jan 6, 2017 | 6p

Where: Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, 30 W. Dale St.

Tickets: \$10

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 Association of Museums, the FAC offers the best in the world of 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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