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# The FAC Dubs the Term "Friday Afternoon Club"

## As its First Friday, First Stop Status Gains Popularity

*COLORADO SPRINGS* (January 8, 2016) — The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center (FAC) is pleased to announce the First Friday artist for February 5 and March 4 featuring the expressionistic acrylic paintings of local artist Lance Green – on view and on sale through March 28, 2016.

#### About Lance Green

Born in Denver and raised in Los Angeles, Lance Green became a famed and favorite local artist after transplanting himself to Colorado Springs following a successful career as an artist, sign painter, and gallerist in Los Angeles. Lance teaches painting classes at the FAC's Bemis School of Art and conducts workshops independently. He exhibits regularly in galleries throughout New Mexico, Los Angeles and in the FAC Museum Shop.

A student of the late and famous Fritz Scholder, Lance's expressionistic paintings often feature yoga poses, dancers, birds, and other universally symbolic characters (both human and animal). Collectors love his work for the sense of movement, the incredible play with color and layers, and the contemplative, emotional, or spiritual connections offered by the work. For his First Friday exhibition in Deco Lounge, Lance is taking the opportunity to play with the pure joy of painting more than anything. This intuitive means of painting culminates in a body of work conveying the freedom and fluidity found in the process of expressionist painting at its best. Don't miss it!

#### About First Friday at the FAC

Since May of 2015, the FAC has presented a number of exhibitions featuring local and regional artists in its Deco Lounge – each celebrated with a vibrant First Friday art party to include, artist talks and demonstrations, music, exclusive giveaways to FAC events, a cash bar, and the stunning ambience offered by this chic, historic venue.

### First Friday Art Walk at the FAC

When: Feb 5; 5-7p & March 4; 5-7:30p

Where: Deco Lounge at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, 30 W. Dale St.

Admission: FREE and Open to the Public

**Something else:** While you're there, be sure and check out the Colorado Originals program featured in the FAC Museum Shop featuring many current and past First Friday artists. The vision of this program is to make collectible, contemporary, Colorado-made artwork accessible to patrons.

### **Fine Arts Center**

The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, established in 1936, is a privately funded, non-profit art museum, performing arts theatre and arts education center. Built on the foundation of the prestigious Broadmoor Art Academy, 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, performing arts through the FAC Theatre Company, and arts education with the Bemis School of Art. 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 <u>csfineartscenter.org</u>.