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## Colorado Based Artist to Show at the FAC

### ***Gary Emrich: Promise***

COLORADO SPRINGS (Jan 4, 2016) — The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center (FAC) announces the opening of the art exhibition - *Gary Emrich: Promise*, Jan 30 through May 15, 2016. Emrich is a Colorado based artist whose work combines photography and film, to tell a story. His work is elegant, playful, and often humorous, drawing icons from the historic West, early space exploration and personal experiences.

In the video instillation titled *Contact*, Emrich filmed honeybees and layered the footage with audio from early U.S. space exploration. The video features a montage of vibrant flowers with a telescopic moonscape to suggest the similarity between intimate spaces and cosmic realms, fertility and lifelessness.

Emrich's photographic series, *Barbre Marietta*, illuminates an intersection of personal memories and collective histories through the suggestive qualities of particular objects. In his *Firewater* series, Emrich creates narratives with antique liquor decanters shaped like Western icons posed against backgrounds taken from contemporary bottled-water labels. Through vibrant, appealing images with ironic titles, the artist calls attention to current struggles with western water rights issues.

**Gary Emrich's** work has been exhibited across the nation for over 30 years. He has work in the Art Institute of Chicago, the University of Colorado Art Museum, the Denver Art Museum, and numerous other public and private collections.

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**When:** Jan 30-May 15, 2016

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

**Tickets:** Non Members \$12-\$18.50; Members are free

**Something else:** Get ready for the most magical evening of madcap fun with *Peter and the Starcatcher* on the FAC Mainstage March 31-April 24, 2016.

**Even more:** The museum and theatre programming in April proudly supports *Pollinate*. *Pollinate* is a regional biennial arts collaboration and convenes diverse arts organizations from across southern Colorado, such as the FAC, to explore one compelling topic through a variety of media, sites, and audiences. In 2016, the theme of ENERGY will be explored, with highlighted events April 1-8.

### **Fine Arts Center**

The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, established in 1936, is a privately funded, non-profit art museum, professional theatre company 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, as a TCG member 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 [csfineartscenter.org](http://csfineartscenter.org).

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