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Family-Friendly Fun with Ivy & Bean: The Musical

COLORADO SPRINGS (March 24, 2016) — The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center (FAC) is excited to announce the production of *Ivy & Bean: The Musical* based on The New York Times best-selling children's book series by Annie Barrows April 28-May 8. Directed by producing Artistic Director Scott RC Levy, this one-hour musical adaptation about the unexpected friendship between two very different second graders is suitable for all ages and most enjoyable for 3rd-5th graders.

The moment they saw each other, Bean and Ivy knew they would never like each other. Bean is loud, wild and goofy. Ivy is quiet and full of ideas. But when Bean plays a joke on her sister and needs a place to hide, Ivy comes to the rescue. When the two become a team, there's mischief and laughter at every turn — along with lessons to be learned about the challenges and joy of family, friendship and love.

The cast includes Mallori Rouse, Kevin Pierce, Tia Luber making her FAC debut, and FAC Youth Repertory alumni Casey Fetters, Gretchen Vosburgh, and Evan Lennon.

Ivy & Bean: The Musical

When: April 28-May 8 | Thurs, Fri, Sat 6p; Sat 1p; Sun 1p & 4p

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

Admission: \$20; \$18 Members; \$10 Kids 12 and under

Something else: Following each performance the cast will be available for photographs and signatures and Ivy & Bean books and merchandise will be available for purchase before and after each performance.

Even more: Join the FAC for a bookfair on April 23 at Barnes & Noble on Briargate Blvd. from 12-4p. Enjoy a story time, coloring sheets, Ivy & Bean inspired activities, and enter to win FAC exclusive prizes! Plus, if you purchase in store or online April 23-28 using **bookfair ID#11837259**, a portion of the proceeds will support the FAC's Student Matinee Program.

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 csfineartscenter.org.

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