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The Kum & Go Awards the FAC with a Grant

COLORADO SPRINGS (November 7, 2016) — The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center (FAC) is pleased to announce we are recipients of a \$3,000 grant from the Kum & Go.

This grant will be used to help support the Free Family Programs the FAC offers through 2017, including Free Family Adventure Days, Museum Free Days, Art Adventure Packs, Museum Scavenger Hunts, and Military Family Artistic Healing Workshops.

Free Family Adventure Days are an opportunity for families to spend the day with your together being creative. Teaching artists ignite imaginations with new adventures in art-making and explore different themes with art materials and new techniques in the FAC's Bemis School of Art studios.

Museum Free Days are an opportunity for the public to enjoy the FAC's galleries free of charge on the third Friday of each month, with artist demonstrations from 10a–2p in the Smith Family Gallery.

Art Adventure Packs are a fun, interactive arts education tools to enhance the museum experience for children and engages them in an experience that will hopefully spark a lifelong interest and appreciation for the arts!

Museum Scavenger Hunts help patrons explore the art in the FAC's first floor galleries. From a cheeseburger to a slice of bread, this fun scavenger hunt will open your eyes to things that have never been noticed before.

Military Family Artistic Healing Workshops allow families to discover the techniques to help express memories, ideas, musing, emotions and spirituality without being representational. They experience the freedom in focusing on intuitive rhythm, shape, texture, line and balance. Family members will have opportunities to work together with hands-on projects as well as exercises to improve interaction and communication skills.

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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 Alliance of Museums, the FAC offers the best in 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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