

2015-2016 THEATRE SEASON



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Every time I sit in one of our theatre seats, in the rehearsal room, or collaborate with our exquisitely talented artists in our 'war room,' I am filled with a sense of pride. How fortunate I am to lead this brilliant theatre company, in fulfilling our guiding mission of enlightening, educating, and most importantly, entertaining you, our esteemed audience.

In these pages, I'm thrilled to present to you the slate of theatrical fare we are creating for you during this 2015-2016 season, my fifth at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center.

The season is filled with music, comedy, drama, and magic. The 11 offerings and their writers have won every award under

the sun, including Pulitzers, Tonys, Grammys and Emmys. And when combined with award-winning professional actors, musicians, directors, choreographers, designers and technicians, it's no wonder our work is breaking box-office records time and again, receiving rave reviews from audiences and critics alike, and earning us the title of Best Theatre Company in town by our daily newspaper.*

I invite you to join us for this incredible season. Subscribe now to take advantage of all we have in store. Don't miss out, experience for yourself why Denver critic Kelly McAllister calls us "far and away the best theatre company in Colorado."

I'll see you in the aisle.

Scott RC Levy

Executive Director, Performing Arts
& Producing Artistic Director

*Gazette Best of the Springs, April 2015

ARTWORK



Christian Medovich created the luscious paintings featured in this brochure to celebrate our 2015-16 Theatre Season. Originally from Redbank, N.J., Christian is the Master Carpenter for the FAC Theatre as well as an award-winning artist, and his work has been featured at several local galleries. He also teaches the fundamentals of drawing to elementary and middle school students at Modboco School for the Arts.



Putting It Together Colorado Premiere!

Words and Music by Stephen Sondheim, Devised by Stephen Sondheim & Julia McKenzie

Showcasing the songs of America's most-awarded living musical theatre composer, Stephen Sondheim, with nearly 30 of his tunes from shows such as: *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *Into the Woods*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Company* and *Follies*. A one-of-a-kind compilation celebrating Sondheim's incomparable career in musical theatre. Sondheim has won the Kennedy Center Lifetime Achievement Award, a Pulitzer Prize, an Academy Award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, eight Grammy Awards, 12 Tony Awards, 16 Drama Desk Awards, and six Olivier Awards.

MAINSTAGE | SEPT

M T W T F S S

First Week	10	11	12	13
Second Week	17	18	19	20
Third Week	24	25	26	27

Sept 10-27, 2015

This production contains adult language and situations



Wait Until Dark Colorado Premiere!

A new adaptation by Jeffrey Hatcher, based on the classic play by Frederick Knot

Don't let Susan Hendrix's quaint apartment fool you; hidden within is a score for which thieves and con men would kill. Employing disguise and deception, two newly acquainted crooks become all the more desperate and depraved, but must wait until dark to play out this masterfully constructed classic thriller's chilling conclusion. The original play inspired a film and multiple Broadway productions, earning multiple Tony and Academy Award nominations.

Oct 15–Nov 1, 2015

This production contains adult language and situations

Oct 24: Performance will be at 5p followed by third annual Halloween party, *Dark Matter Bash Party & Show* ticket packages available

MAINSTAGE | Oct/Nov

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
First Week	15	16	17	18			
Second Week	22	23	24	25			
Third Week	29	30	31	1			



Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* Regional Premiere!

Based upon the Paramount Pictures film; Written for the screen by Norman Krasna, Norman Panama and Melvin Frank; Music and lyrics by Irving Berlin; Book by David Ives and Paul Blake; Original stage production directed by Walter Bobbie

This holiday season, the FAC produces the musical you have been dreaming of! Following World War II, veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song-and-dance act. With romance in mind, the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters en route to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge, which just happens to be owned by Bob and Phil's former army commander. Based on the beloved, timeless film, this heartwarming musical features 17 Irving Berlin songs.

MAINSTAGE | Dec/Jan

M T W T F S S

First Week	10	11	12	13		
Second Week	17	18	19	20		
Third	22	23	24		26	27
Fourth Week	31	1	2	3		

Dec 10, 2015–Jan 3, 2016

This production is appropriate for the whole family (8+)



Special Christmas Eve performance will be at noon

Third Friday performance will be on Jan 1



Driving Miss Daisy

by Alfred Uhry

When Daisy Werthan causes a car wreck, her son hires hard-working chauffeur Hoke Colburn to look after her. What begins as a hostile clashing of wills between a stubborn Jewish matriarch and a proud black man evolves into a decades-long friendship as the two navigate Civil Rights-era Atlanta. With humor and heartfelt emotion, Alfred Uhry's Pulitzer Prize-winning play poignantly explores the transformative power of true friendship.

February 4-21, 2016

This production is appropriate for ages (10+)

MAINSTAGE | Feb

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
First Week	4	5	6	7			
Second Week	11	12	13	14			
Third Week	18	19	20	21			



***Peter and the Starcatcher* Regional Premiere!**

by Rick Elice; Based on the Novel by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson. Music By Wayne Barker

Get ready for the most magical evening of madcap fun! Hailed by *The New York Times* as “the most exhilarating storytelling on Broadway in decades,” this comedy takes a hilarious romp through the Neverland you never knew. The winner of five Tony Awards, this swashbuckling prequel to *Peter Pan* will have you hooked from the moment you let your imagination take flight. A company of a dozen actors play more than a hundred unforgettable characters, all on a journey to answer the century-old question: How did Peter Pan become *The Boy Who Never Grew Up*?

MAINSTAGE | March/April

M T W T F S S

First Week	31	1	2	3
Second Week	7	8	9	10
Third Week	14	15	16	17

March 31–April 17, 2016

This production is appropriate for the whole family (8+)





9 to 5: The Musical Regional Premiere!

Music and Lyrics by Dolly Parton, Book by Patricia Resnick, Based on the 20th Century Fox picture

The hilarious new musical based on the blockbuster film. Pushed to the boiling point by their boss, three female co-workers concoct a plan to get even with their sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical boss and conspire to take control of their company. Outrageous, thought-provoking and even a little romantic, *9 to 5: The Musical* features Dolly Parton's original hit title song, along with her new Tony Award and Grammy-nominated score, including *Backwoods Barbie* and *Shine Like the Sun*.

MAINSTAGE | May/June

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
First Week	19	20	21	22			
Second Week	26	27	28	29			
Third Week	2	3	4	5			
Fourth Week	9	10	11	12			

May 19–June 12, 2016

This production contains adult language and situations

BACKSTAGE TOURS & TALKBACKS

Throughout the season, we are offering backstage tours following the third Thursday performance of each production. We will also present opportunities to discuss the shows with the creative teams in talkback sessions immediately following the final performance of each production. These are free and open to the public.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON ESCAPE

NEW!



Enjoy an escape to the theatre while your kids have an adventure in art led by FAC Bemis School of Art instructors. Ignite their imaginations through artistic explorations! Gallery tours, hands-on art activities, and other arts education experiences for ages 5-12.

Available for the following Sunday afternoon performances: *Putting It Together* Sept 20, *Wait Until Dark* Oct 25, *Driving Miss Daisy* Feb 14, and *9 to 5: The Musical* May 29.

\$40 per child, including gallery tour and guided activities from 12:30–4:30p

CURTAIN CALL SOCIETY

Take a peek behind the curtain. Explore what happens behind the scenes and get a more direct connection to the heady world of theatre. When you join the Curtain Call Society, you receive a season package in preferred seating, an additional 4-pack FlexPass subscription to share with friends, complimentary tickets to second stage and Youth Rep productions, a flexible package for pre-theatre dining and cocktail parties, valet parking on opening nights, special invitations to select first rehearsals, private one-of-a-kind tours behind the scenes, priority reservations for our special theatre trips, and the joy of knowing that you are supporting and furthering the arts and culture in the Pikes Peak region in a meaningful way.



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THEATRE EDUCATION PROGRAMS



In addition to unique youth centered experiences like student matinees and theatre day camps, the FAC offers three incredible summer theatre programs for aspiring theatre arts students. Innovative and comprehensive professional theatre training programs developed for students ages 6-18. Learn more at csfineartscenter.org.

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SECOND STAGE

SECOND STAGE | Oct

M T W T F S S

First Week

8	9	10	11
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Second Week

15	16	17	18
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Oct 8–18, 2015 **Colorado Premiere!**

Elephant & Piggie's "We Are In A Play!"

Book and Lyrics by Mo Willems, Music by Deborah Wicks La Puma. Based on the Elephant & Piggie books by Mo Willems

 Gerald and Piggie take to the stage in a rollicking adventure perfect for young audiences. Get ready for a musical experience ripped from the pages of Mo Willems's beloved, award-winning, best-selling children's books that will leave audiences doing the Flippy Floppy Floorry dance all night long! (Appropriate for ages 4+)

Elephant & Piggie's

"We are in a Play!"

SECOND STAGE | Nov

M T W T F S S

First Week

12	13	14	15
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Second Week

19	20	21	22
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Nov 12–22, 2015

Love, Loss & What I Wore

by Nora & Delia Ephron

Based on the book by Ilene Beckerman

The ladies are back! The entire cast of our completely sold-out production from September 2014 is back for the perfect girls' night out. Don't miss this opportunity to see this intimate collection of fashion forward stories by the superstar Ephron sisters. Tickets are sure to go as quickly as Dior in a trunk sale. (Contains adult language)



SECOND STAGE | Jan

M T W T F S S

First Week

14	15	16	17
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Second Week

21	22	23	24
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January 14–24, 2016

Buyer & Cellar **Colorado Premiere!**

by Jonathan Tolins

Winner of the 2014–2015 Lucille Lortel Award for Outstanding Solo Show. "Jonathan Tolins has concocted an irresistible one-man play from the most peculiar of fictitious premises — an underemployed Los Angeles actor goes to work in Barbra Streisand's Malibu basement. This seriously funny slice of absurdist whimsy creates the illusion of a stage filled with multiple people, all of them with their own droll point of view." —NY Times. (Contains adult language)



We're continuing to present series of works in our 108-seat art-deco jewel-box, the Music Room. Subscribers get priority seating to all events in the Music Room, and discounted tickets are only \$18 (regularly \$20).

SECOND STAGE | April/May


	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
First Week	27	28	29	30	31		
Second Week	5	6	7	8			



April 27-May 8, 2016

Ivy & Bean: The Musical

Book, lyrics & music by Scott Elmgreen
based on the books by Annie Barrows

 Based on the *New York Times* best-selling children's book series, this is the story of an unexpected friendship between two very different second graders. The moment they saw each other, Bean and Ivy knew they would never like each other. 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. (Appropriate for ages 4+)

2015: Sept 13, Dec 20

2016: Mar 20, May 15, Aug 7

Veronika String Quartet

The award-winning classical quartet continues its impressive residency at the FAC with more music than ever before. Five concerts over the course of the season, featuring some of the finest performers in the Pikes Peak region.

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