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The FAC Theatre School is the Perfect Place for Aspiring Theatre Artists

COLORADO SPRINGS (**March 3, 2016**) — The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center (FAC) is excited to announce the 2016 Theatre School offerings. The FAC Theatre School offers innovative, comprehensive professional theatre training programs for students ages 5-18 in the Pikes Peak Region. Musical theatre, Shakespeare, Design, Acting, Choreography, Play Analysis and Stage Combat are just a sampling of the rich curriculum offered by the FAC's award-winning professional staff of instructors.

The FAC Theatre Company believes that the developing of theatrical skills is a life-long journey and has created a training program that begins at a young age and is specifically designed to foster development up to high school graduation. Students become part of the FAC family as they pursue further training in the arts.

The FAC's annual Theatre School program is comprised of the following classes:

Youth Repertory Ensemble

- Ages 14–18
- Auditions are Sunday, April 3
- Five-week intensive June 27-July 31
- \$900 (\$850 Members)
- Program culminates in a public performance of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*

The Youth Repertory Theatre program is the only professional training program for student actors and theatre technicians in the Pikes Peak Region.

The FAC Theatre Company offers students interested in pursuing careers in performance and/or design and technical theatre a five-week intensive training program. The serious theater student will get comprehensive, hands-on training through a rigorous class schedule that combines master classes along with a structured rehearsal period and performance experiences. The performance and technical tracks of the program have been designed for both new and returning students in order to develop basic skills as well as foster continual learning and growth.

All students will work with a qualified and professional teaching staff, choreographers, directors, and designers, all of whom currently work extensively throughout the United States. This includes director, Nathan Halvorson, and the staff of the FAC Theatre Company.

Introductory and advanced studies in the theory and practice of technical theatre are offered. Both are designed to challenge creativity, encourage development of problem solving skills and prepare students for a career in the technical crafts of the entertainment industry. Upon completion of the design and technical track, students will have the technical theatre skills necessary to participate in upcoming FAC Theatre Company Main Stage productions. The performance track has a long history of preparing students for an acting career. Some of the alumni have received full scholarships to college and many have been seen in FAC Main Stage productions.

Budding Thespians

- Ages 5–8
- One-week class June 20-June 24, 9a-11a
- \$150 (\$135 Members)
- Program culminates in a public performance of a collection of songs and scenes showcasing material from the upcoming 2016-2017 season

It's time once again to raise the curtain on the youngest performers. This class is perfect for the scene-stealing stars and the budding thespians waiting quietly in the wings. Students will sing, dance and act their way into the magical world of musical theatre. Students will learn songs and dances from shows that will be featured in the FAC's 2016/2017 theatre season. Every day will be filled with music, movement and adventure!

Emerging Artists

- Ages 9–13
- Two-week class June 6-June 17, 9a-12:15p & 12:45-4p
- \$225 (\$200 Members) & \$350 (\$325 Members)
- Program culminates in a public performance of *Much Ado About Nothing* and *Willy Wonka Jr.*

Shaping Shakespeare

Get to know the greatest playwright of all time. Relish the journey of learning how to collaborate, develop characters and tell a story through the use of Shakespeare's delightfully complex language. Emerging artists will love this natural extension of their previous theatrical endeavors.

Musical Theatre Madness

Who doesn't love a musical filled with exuberant dancing, rich singing and focused acting? This musical theatre intensive for emerging artists is designed to take triple threats to the next level. A can't miss for students interested in all aspects of America's greatest art form – the musical.

The Best of Both Worlds: Shakespeare and Musical Theatre

For the student who doesn't want to choose! Emerging artists will spend half of the day in the Shaping Shakespeare class and the other half of the day in the Musical Theatre Madness class. A can't miss experience for students interested in all aspects of theatre. Students will participate in both emerging artists productions.

To register for the FAC's Theatre School visit csfineartscenter.org

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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.

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