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Frisky Flappers and Dashing Men Hit the Stage in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* – A Youth Repertory Ensemble Production

COLORADO SPRINGS (July 7, 2016) — The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center's Youth Repertory Ensemble theatre program, the only professional training program for student actors and technicians ages 14-18 in the Pikes Peak Region, presents *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, a perfectly constructed evening of madcap merriment July 28-31, 2016.

Based on the 1967 Academy Award-winning film and the winner of six Tony Awards, *Thoroughly Modern Millie* takes you back to the height of the Jazz Age in New York City, when “moderns” were bobbing their hair, raising their hemlines, entering the workforce, and rewriting the rules of love. This high-spirited musical romp is a delightful valentine to the long-standing spirit of New York City and the people who seek to discover themselves there.

Set in 1922, *Thoroughly Modern Millie* tells the story of Millie Dillmount, a young girl from Kansas, who comes to New York City in search of a new life for herself. Her grand plan is to find a job as a secretary for a wealthy man and marry him. However, her plan goes completely awry. Get ready for an exciting performance filled with frisky flappers, dashing leading men, and a dragon-lady of a villainess audiences will love to hate.

Youth Repertory Ensemble

The FAC's Youth Repertory Ensemble, currently in its 17th season, is a five-week conservatory training program for aspiring theatre performers, designers and technicians. This year's company consists of 29 students from the greater Pikes Peak region, all of whom auditioned and/or interviewed to be included in the program.

Participants in this year's Youth Repertory Ensemble include students who attend: Fountain Valley School, Coronado High School, Palmer Ridge High School, Pine Creek High School, Cheyenne Mountain High School, Discovery Canyon Campus, Palmer High School, Manitou Springs High School, The Colorado Springs School, Falcon Homeschool Program, Academy Online High School, Lewis Palmer High School, Air Academy High School, Rampart High School, St. Mary's High School, and Woodland Park High School.

Recent high school graduates in their final year of the program will be attending the following colleges: New York University Tisch School of the Arts, Pace University, and Loyola Marymount University.

Thoroughly Modern Millie

When: July 28-31, 2016 | Thu-Sat 7p & Sun 2p

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

Tickets: \$10; csfineartscenter.org or 719.634.5583

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 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 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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