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Sondheim's *Putting It Together* gathers more than 30 songs from award-winning works

COLORADO SPRINGS (Aug. 10, 2015) This musical revue showcases the songs of Stephen Sondheim, America's most-awarded living musical theatre composer. Featuring nearly 30 Sondheim songs from at least a dozen of his award-winning shows (including *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *Into the Woods*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Company* and *Follies*), this one-of-a-kind compilation celebrates Sondheim's incomparable career in musical theatre.

"Stephen Sondheim has written some of the best musical theatre of the last 50 years," says Performing Arts Director Scott RC Levy, "and will go down in history as one of the most important American composers of the 20th Century. The FAC has a strong history of producing his work, and when thinking of which show of his to do next, I thought of this piece, which features so much of his beautiful music from pieces throughout his career."

The FAC production features an all-star cast, including Max Ferguson, Sally Hybl, Jordan Leigh, Scott RC Levy and Mackenzie Sherburne. Nathan Halvorson directs and choreographs.

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. The FAC has produced 10 Sondheim works, including *Into the Woods*, *Funny Thing Happened...*, *Assassins* and *Sweeney Todd* since 1989.

"Mr. Sondheim's songs are dazzling on their own merits," wrote New York Times reviewer David Richards about the original Off-Broadway production of *Putting It Together* in 1993. "Has there ever been any doubt of that?"

PUTTING IT TOGETHER

When: 7:30p Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 2p Sundays, running Sept 10-27

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

Tickets: Starting at \$20; 634-5583, csfineartscenter.org

Something else: Pay-as-You-Wish dress rehearsal at 7:30p Sept 9; Backstage Tour on Sept 24, free with ticket; talkback with the performers following the final performance on Sept 27

Another thing: Our new restaurant Taste will be open for pre-theatre dining. Make reservations at 719.634.5583.

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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. In 2007, the FAC unveiled a \$28.6 million renovation and expansion. For information, visit csfineartscenter.org.

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