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A New Twist on a Suspenseful Classic - *Wait Until Dark*

COLORADO SPRINGS (Sept 16, 2015) — The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center (FAC) presents Jeffery Hatcher's new adaptation of Frederick Knott's classic thriller, *Wait Until Dark*, directed by Producing Artistic Director, Scott RC Levy (Oct 15 – Nov 1).

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 classic thriller's chilling conclusion. Frederick Knott's play inspired a film of the same name and multiple Broadway productions, earning Tony and Academy Award nominations for many of the actors involved – including the film's star, Audrey Hepburn. This new adaptation, a Colorado premiere, captures the suspense of the original work and makes it even more noir than before.

"A Broadway hit, this masterfully constructed thriller moves from one moment of suspense to another as it builds toward an electrifying, breath-stopping final scene...a tense thriller" – NY World Telegram.

The cast includes: Jessica Weaver who was last seen at the FAC as Mina in *Dracula*, for which she won the Gold for Best Actress in the Gazette's Best of. Michael Lee who was last seen at the FAC as Renfield in *Dracula* and voted "Star On The Rise" in Gazette's Best of. Adam Laupus is an LA-based actor/director making his FAC debut. Micah Spiers was last seen at the FAC in *Guys and Dolls* and *Mary Poppins*. Mallory Hybl was last seen at the FAC as Jane Banks in *Mary Poppins*. Kyle Dean Steffen is a Denver-based actor, last seen at the FAC as Peter in *Prelude To A Kiss*.

Frederick Knott's 1966 play inspired the film the following year. Knott also wrote the Broadway script and movie screenplay for *Dial M for Murder* and is known for his strong female characters.

Jeffery Hatcher's other plays include Broadway: *Never Gonna Dance* (book). Off-Broadway: *Three Viewings* and *A Picasso* at Manhattan Theatre Club; *Scotland Road* and *The Turn of the Screw* at Primary Stages; *Tuesdays with Morrie* (with Mitch Albom) at The Minetta Lane; *Murder by Poe*, *The Turn of the Screw*, and *The Spy* at The Acting Company; *Neddy* at American Place; and *Fellow Travelers* at Manhattan Punchline. For film and TV he has written *Stage Beauty*, *Casanova*, *The Duchess*, and episodes of *Columbo*.

Join us for –

Oct 14 | Pay-what-you-wish final dress rehearsal

Oct 15 | OPENING NIGHT!

Oct 25 | *Sunday Afternoon Escape* - Treat the kids to an adventure in art while you enjoy the show! Gallery tours, hands-on art activities, and other arts education experiences for ages 5-12. Led by FAC Bemis School of Art instructors. \$40 per child, 12:30 – 4:30p.

Oct 24 | Dark Matter Bash

Oct 29 | FREE backstage tour for ticket holders

Nov 1 | FREE talkback session following the final performance

Wait Until Dark

When: Oct 15 through Nov 1 Thurs, Fri, Sat at 7:30p; Sun Matinees at 2p

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

Tickets: Starting at \$20 TICKETS AVAILABLE by calling the box office at 719-634-5583; or online at www.csfineartscenter.org

Something else: The Oct 24 performance will be at 5p followed by the FAC's third annual Halloween party inspired by *Wait Until Dark* and our *Springs Surreal* art exhibition– Dark Matter Bash. From 7:30 – Midnight enjoy fire dancers, food trucks, body painting, tarot card reading, contortionists, a costume contest, and more!

Even More: Did you know October is Arts Month? Each October, Colorado's Pikes Peak region celebrates Arts Month to elevate the visibility and value of arts and culture in our community.

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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