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***Buyer & Cellar* Makes its Colorado Premiere at the FAC**

COLORADO SPRINGS (Dec 16, 2015) — The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center (FAC) is excited to present the hilariously funny Colorado premiere of *Buyer & Cellar* Jan 14-24, written by Johnathan Tolins, starring Sammy Gleason and directed by Cory Moosman. Get ready for your next girl's night out with this fictional Off Broadway hit!

The Drama Desk Award winning one-man-show is inspired by the completely real book, *My Passion for Design*, by Barbra Streisand. In the book, Streisand reveals details about the mall she had built in the basement of her Malibu home. Tolins takes it a step further and creates the story of an underemployed L.A. actor, Alex More, who finds his next gig working in this basement mall. More develops a bizarre and hilarious friendship with his only customer, Babs.

"It's a seriously funny and remarkably sustained slice of absurdist whimsy." - *The New York Times*

Sammy Gleason (*Alex More*) was last seen in the FAC's hit productions of *Guys and Dolls* and *Reefer Madness*. Other credits at the FAC include *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *Noises Off*, *Other Desert Cities*, *The Producers*, *Crazy For You*, and *Sweeney Todd*. He also recently appeared in *A Tuna Christmas* at the Millibo Art Theatre.

Jonathan Tolins (*Playwright*) is the author of *Buyer & Cellar*, which was named Best Unique Theatrical Experience by the Off-Broadway Alliance. Tolin's other plays include: *The Twilight of the Golds*, *If Memory Serves*, *The Last Sunday in June*, and *Secrets of the Trade*. His film work includes: *The Twilight of the Golds* and *Martian Child*. For television, he was a writer for *Queer as Folk*, *The Academy Awards*, *The Tony Awards*, and *Partners*. He was the author of *Pushkin 200: A Celebration at Carnegie Hall*, acted as script consultant on *Walking with Dinosaurs: The Arena Spectacular*, and co-wrote *The Divine Millennium Tour* and *The Showgirl Must Go On* for Bette Midler. He has written articles for *Opera News*, *Opera Monthly*, *TheaterWeek*, *Time*, and *The Huffington Post*, and is a panelist on the Metropolitan Opera Radio Quiz. He is also a member of the Dramatists Guild and the Writers Guild of America.

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When: Jan 14-24, 2016

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

Tickets: FAC Members \$18; Non-member \$20

Something else: Students can purchase rush tickets 1 hour before the performance for \$15.

Even more: Theatre ticket holders can purchase admission to the FAC museum for the day of their ticketed performance at member rates.

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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