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***Fun Home*, live on stage at the FAC, will take audiences on a heartrending and fiercely funny journey**

Colorado Springs (March 1, 2018) – The Fine Arts Center Theatre Company is excited to present the Southern Colorado premiere of the refreshingly honest musical, *Fun Home* with book and lyrics by Lisa Kron and music by Jeanine Tesori, based on the graphic novel by Alison Bechdel – on stage March 29-April 22, 2018; directed and choreographed by Nathan Halvorson.

Fun Home is the winner of multiple 2015 Tony Awards including Best Musical, Best Score (the first female writing team to win), Best Book of a Musical, and winner of a New York Drama Critics' Circle Award, Obie Award, Lucille Lortel Award, Outer Critics Circle Award, and Off-Broadway Alliance Award.

Fun Home is an original musical punctuated with an innovative score that frames the curiosity of childhood and the complexities of family. Alison's father was many things: a historical preservationist, a funeral home director, a distant parent, and a closeted gay man. In the struggle to understand her father, while also dealing with her own budding sexuality, Alison reveals memories of her life at three different ages.

"A rare beauty, extraordinary and heart-gripping." –Ben Brantley, *The New York Times*

The cast includes Allison Mickelson, Jessica Kahkoska, Kelly Tanberg, Patrick Oliver Jones, Megan Van De Hey, Mackenzie Beyer, Atticus Baker, Gabe Levy, Parker Fowler, and understudy Ellie Levy with musical direction by Stephanie McGuffin, scenic and costume design by Lex Liang, lighting design by Holly Anne Rawls, properties design by Emma Dean, and stage managed by Kate Ferdinandi.

Patrick Oliver Jones is making his Colorado Springs debut, having been through Denver on the national tours of *The Addams Family* and *Evita*. Originally from Birmingham, Alabama, he now resides in New York City and has performed Off-Broadway in *The Extraordinary Ordinary*, *Church & State*, *Absolution*, and *The Magdalene*. Regionally, he's starred in *Man Of La Mancha* (Quixote), *Tommy* (Capt. Walker), *Crazy For You* (Zangler, SALT Award nominee), and *Light In The Piazza* (Naccarelli).

Mackenzie Beyer has been seen on stage at the FAC in *Enchanted April* (Caroline), *Too Much Light Makes The Baby Go Blind* (Ensemble), *Godspell* (Ensemble, Youth Rep 2006). She has worked locally with THEATREWORKS, Curious Theatre Company, and the Colorado Shakespeare Festival. She holds a Masters of Fine Arts in Classical Acting from the Shakespeare Theatre Company's Academy of Classical Acting in Washington, D.C.

Allison Mickelson is making her FAC debut in *Fun Home*. She recently performed as Alison in *Fun Home* at Portland Center Stage and starred in Lisa Kron's autobiographical one-woman show *2.5 Minute Ride*. Regional credits include *Ragtime* (Mother), *Damn Yankees* (Lola), *Elf The Musical* (Emily), and *Mame* (Mame).

Megan Van De Hey is making her FAC debut in *Fun Home*. Locally, Megan has performed with The Arvada Center, Curious Theatre, The Aurora Fox Arts Center, Town Hall Arts Center, The Avenue Theatre, Miners Alley Playhouse, Cherry Creek Theatre, and Little Theatre of the Rockies. Regionally, Megan premiered *Upon a Midnight Clear* with Stages Repertory Theatre. Megan is a multiple Henry, Ovation, True West, and Marlowe award-winner. She relocated to Denver after spending seven years doing theatre in Chicago, where she was a three-time Joseph Jefferson Nominee.

Fun Home

When: March 29-April 22, 2018, show dates and times vary – visit website for details

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

Tickets: Starting at \$20

Something else: Patrons are invited to join members of the *Fun Home* creative team and the Colorado College Community after the show on April 6, 13, and 20 to discuss the themes of the play. Each event will explore a different topic.

More: A free guided backstage tour will be offered following the April 12 performance and a free talkback session with the cast and crew will be offered following the April 22 performance.

More: Patrons can enjoy an incredible dinner menu for evening performances and a delectable brunch buffet for matinee performances. Or, choose from the small plate menu in Deco Lounge. Reservations: (719) 634-5583

Even more: Theatre patrons receive free admission to the FAC Museum on the day of their ticketed performance.

Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College

The story of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College (FAC) begins with the founding of the Broadmoor Art Academy by Julie and Spencer Penrose in 1919. During the Great Depression, three dedicated philanthropists – Julie Penrose, Alice Bemis Taylor, and Elizabeth Sage Hare – envisioned expanding the Broadmoor Art Academy into an entire arts district under one roof. The FAC changed its name, built a grand building, and opened as the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center in 1936. In August 2016, the FAC announced an historic alliance with Colorado College and on July 1, 2017, became the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College. The FAC is deeply rooted in the legacy of its founders, who possessed bold visions, a deep passion for the arts, and dedication to the Colorado Springs community. The FAC honors this legacy and spirit today by providing innovative, educational, and multidisciplinary arts experiences designed to elevate the individual spirit and inspire community vitality, building on its history as a unique cultural pillar of the Pikes Peak region. For more information, visit www.coloradocollege.edu/fac

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