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## **The Fine Arts Center closes its 2017-2018 theatre season with the regional premiere of *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels***

*Colorado Springs (May 3, 2018)* – The Fine Arts Center Theatre Company is excited to present the Tony Award-winning musical comedy, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* by David Yazbek (currently nominated for a Tony Award for his current show, *The Band's Visit*) and Jeffrey Lane. On stage May 24-June 17, 2018; choreographed by Nathan Halvorson and directed by Scott RC Levy.

Two con men, a beautiful woman, and the elite of the French Riviera collide in this clever and amusing farce. Based on the popular MGM film starring Michael Caine and Steve Martin, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* is sophisticated and suave with a good dash of mischief and ribald humor. This hysterical musical comedy features a delightfully jazzy score and was nominated for a staggering 11 Tony Awards!

*“... often funny, not infrequently clever, with a nice sprinkling of the outrageous – that’s Dirty Rotten Scoundrels.” –New York Theatre*

Lawrence Jameson makes his lavish living by talking rich ladies out of their money. Freddy Benson more humbly swindles women by wakening their compassion with fabricated stories about his grandmother’s failing health. After meeting on a train, they attempt to work together only to find that this small French town isn’t big enough for the two of them. They agree on a settlement: the first one to extract \$50,000 from a young female target, heiress Christine Colgate, wins and the other must leave town. A hilarious battle of cons ensues that will keep you laughing, humming and guessing to the end!

The part of Lawrence Jameson is played by Larry Cahn – making his FAC debut. Notable credits include *The Graduate*, *Guys & Dolls*, *Epic Proportions*, *Anything Goes*, and *The Music Man* on Broadway; *Ragtime*, *Lend Me A Tenor*, and *Elf* on National Tour; and *The Gig* (OIP Award), *Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh!*, *The Portable Pioneer*, and *Prairie Show* on Off-Broadway.

The part of Freddy Benson is played by Kyle Dean Steffen. Previous FAC credits include *Man of La Mancha*, *Wait Until Dark*, *Prelude to a Kiss*, and *Of Mice and Men*. Other Colorado acting credits include *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Antony and Cleopatra*, and *OKLAHOMA!* at THEATREWORKS, *Company* with Aurora Fox, and *The House of Blue Leaves* with the Arvada Center.

The part of Christine Colgate is played by Lauren Weinberg – making her FAC debut. Notable credits include *Guys & Dolls* on National Tour; *Guys & Dolls*, Olney Theatre Center; *Beauty and the Beast*, Theatre By The Sea; *Brigadoon* and *She Loves Me*, The Wick Theatre; *Les Miserables*, *Black Comedy*, *Godspell*, *To Kill A Mockingbird*, and *Accomplice*, Bristol Valley Theatre.

The cast also includes a number of other FAC favorites including: Adam Sterling Blancas, Max Ferguson, Tracy Hedding, Nels Jacobson, Jessye King, Jordan Mathews, Rebecca Myers,

Carmen Vreeman Shedd, Micah Speirs, Jareth Spirio, and Thomas Voss. Making their FAC debut in this production are Judeth Shay Comstock, Carolyn Jordan and Naomi McKenna Skee. Scenic design is by Christopher L Sheley, lighting design by Jonathan Spencer, costume design by Sydney Gallas, and the band is led by musical director by Sharon Skidgel.

### ***Dirty Rotten Scoundrels***

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**When:** May 24-June 17, 2018; dates and times vary, see website for details.

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

**Tickets:** Starting at \$20

**Something else:** Theatre patrons are invited to enjoy a FREE talkback session following the June 17 performance.

**More:** Enjoy an incredible dinner menu for evening performances and a delectable lunch menu for matinée performances at the FAC's restaurant, Taste.

**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](http://www.coloradocollege.edu/fac)

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