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**See the next generation of theatre stars in the FAC's Youth Repertory Ensemble production of *The Pajama Game***

*Colorado Springs (July 12, 2018)* – The Fine Arts Center Theatre Company is excited to celebrate this year's Youth Repertory Ensemble in their production of *The Pajama Game* July 26-29, 2018.

Conditions at the Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory are anything but peaceful as sparks fly between new superintendent, Sid Sorokin, and Babe Williams, leader of the union grievance committee. Their stormy relationship comes to a head when the workers strike for a 7 ½ cent pay increase, setting off not only a conflict between management and labor, but a battle of the sexes as well.

*The Pajama Game* was awarded the 1955 Tony for Best Musical and, over half of a century later, claimed the award for Best Revival of a Musical, proving that the story is truly timeless. With an energetic score by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross (*Damn Yankees*), *The Pajama Game* is brimming with songs and dances that have become musical theatre standards, including *Steam Heat* and *Hernando's Hideaway*. This perennial favorite is a surefire crowd-pleaser and a glowing example of classic musical comedy.

**Youth Repertory Ensemble**

The FAC's Youth Repertory Ensemble, currently in its 19<sup>th</sup> season, is a five-week conservatory training program for aspiring theatre performers, designers and technicians. This year's company consists of 30 students from the greater Pikes Peak region, all of whom auditioned and/or interviewed to be included in the program.

**Participants in this year's Youth Repertory Ensemble include students who attend:**

Anders Arneson: Lewis-Palmer High School, Kady Ballard: Discovery Canyon Campus High School, Noelle Bovee: University of Northern Colorado, Kylee Crews: Lewis-Palmer High School, Shannon Cunningham: University of California Berkley, Rachel Daguman: Cheyenne Mountain High School, Sam Derrickson: Colorado State University, Ella Dill: Cheyenne Mountain High School, Weller Dorff: Cheyenne Mountain High School, Ailee Dreher: Palmer Ridge High School, Will Edelson: Boston University, Olivia Ellenwood: University of Northern Colorado, Jack English: Pine Creek High School, Olivia English: Barnard College of Columbia University, Conner Graves: Lewis-Palmer High School, Isabel Hebenstreit: Lewis-Palmer High School, Donovan Kriskowski: Pine Creek High School, Brendan Lowry: Liberty High School, Miranda McCauley: Air Academy High School, Jamie McPartland: Lewis-Palmer High School, Sara Oliver: Lewis-Palmer High School, Elizabeth Pond: Pikes Peak Community College, Scott Reif: Lewis-Palmer High School, Cameron Russell: Cheyenne Mountain High School, Kayla Schill: Rampart High School, Sheridan Singer: Vista Ridge High School, Emma Walker: The University of Denver, Mackenzie Walton: Colorado Springs Christian Schools, Gavin Wilde: Discovery Canyon Campus High School, and Danielle Wood: Elliot High School.

***The Pajama Game***

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**When:** July 26-29, 2018; Thurs, Fri, Sat at 7 p.m.; Sun at 2 p.m.

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

**Tickets:** \$10

**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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