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## **The Fine Arts Center opens the 2018-19 theatre season with the regional premiere of *Shakespeare in Love***

*Colorado Springs (Aug. 28, 2018)* — The Fine Arts Center Theatre Company is excited to present *Shakespeare in Love*, directed by Scott RC Levy, Sept. 27-Oct. 21, 2018.

*Shakespeare in Love* is a play with music that was adapted for the stage from the 1998 film by Tony and Olivier Award-winning writer Lee Hall, based on the screenplay by Academy Award-winning writer Marc Norman, and Tony, Olivier, and Academy Award-winning writer Tom Stoppard.

*“Shakespeare in Love is an enjoyable, gorgeously designed romantic spectacle that speaks to the power and glory of the theater and, of course, the brilliance of William Shakespeare.”*  
—Herald-Tribune

A romantic piece of historical fiction, the story centers around a young Will Shakespeare as he struggles to find his inspiration. Enter the feisty aristocratic Viola de Lesseps, who longs to be an actor. The relationship they forge serves as inspiration for Will’s greatest play – *Romeo and Juliet*. This stage adaptation employs tactics commonly found in plays of the Elizabethan age: cross-dressing disguises, mistaken identities, suspicions of adultery, sword fighting, a comedic nurse, and even visions of ghosts are all present, as is the enduring “play-within-a-play” convention that Shakespeare fondly adopted for many of his works. Overall, *Shakespeare in Love* delivers a delightfully crowd-pleasing, deeply romantic, and highly adventurous tale of love and drama in Renaissance-era England.

The cast includes Seth Dhonau (making his FAC debut as Will Shakespeare), Carley Cornelius (as Viola, previously seen in *Enchanted April*), Birgitta DePree (as Queen Elizabeth), Dastan Harrison, Ben Hilzer, Dwayne Carrington, Jareth Spirio, Damon Guerassio, Michael Augenstein, Carmen Shedd, Dana Kjdesen, Maggie Tisdale, Kyle Dean Steffen, Lisbeth Splawn, Mark Cannon, Nels Jacobson, Micah Speirs, Joe O’Rear, Peter Bussian, Sean Verdu, and Conner Graves.

### ***Shakespeare in Love***

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**When:** Sept. 27-Oct. 21, 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, Students can purchase rush tickets 1 hour before the performance at the FAC front desk for \$15 (Colorado College students receive a FREE rush ticket). Tickets subject to availability; must purchase in person; CC students must present a CC Gold Card.

**Something else:** A FREE guided backstage tour will be offered following Oct. 11 performance and a FREE talkback session will be offered following the Oct. 21 performance.

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

**Even more:** Pre-theatre dining will be available for select performances. Call (719)634-5583

for hours and to make reservations.

**Even more:** 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. The goal is to engage the community and encourage every individual to have at least one new cultural experience with friends and family this October. Check-out a full listing of FAC Arts Month events online.

**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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