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Fine Arts Center

at COLORADO COLLEGE

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No Senators were harmed in the making of *Church & State* at the Fine Arts Center

Colorado Springs (Oct. 18, 2018) – The Fine Arts Center Theatre Company is excited to present the Colorado premiere of *Church & State*, directed by Nathan Halvorson, Nov. 2-25, 2018.

Church & State is a fast-paced dramedy about faith, politics and “The Twitter.” Three days before Charles Whitmore’s Senate re-election, he decides to finally tell the public exactly what’s on his mind, no filter. What could possibly go wrong? This look at how religion, guns and social media influence our political system is simultaneously funny, heartbreaking and uplifting.

“A crackling script! I wish every member of Congress would see it!” –National Public Radio

The FAC is the 24th U.S. state to produce the play (with the goal of having it performed in all 50 states by 2020). *Church & State* received the Off Broadway Alliance “Best Play Nomination,” three Ovation Awards Nominations, and the Top Ten Productions List of 2016 in the *Huffington Post*.

The cast includes Brian Landis Folkins, a Denver Center for the Performing Arts instructor and Artistic Company member at Curious Theatre making his FAC debut, Sally Lewis Hybl, last seen on the FAC stage in *Souvenir*, *Annie*, *Mary Poppins*, and *Into the Woods*, Jewel Christian, making her FAC debut, and Nathaniel Bourn, making his FAC debut, with Scenic Design by Christopher L. Sheley, Costume Design by Kristen Seal, and Props Design/Stage Managed by Terri Harrison.

Church & State

When: Nov. 2-25, 2018 | Fri, Sat at 7:30 p.m.; Sun Matinéés at 2 p.m.

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

Tickets: \$20 (\$18 FAC members)

Something else: 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.

More: Theatre patrons receive FREE admission to the FAC museum on the day of their ticketed performance.

Even more: This program is part of the *For Freedoms 50 State Initiative* developed to spur greater participation in civic life by generating discussion of values, place and patriotism through the arts. Learn more at <https://www.forfreedoms.org/50-state-initiative.html>

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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