

Contact: Amanda Weston, Media Relations and Outreach Specialist (719) 389-6770; <u>aweston@coloradocollege.edu</u>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Paula Poundstone returns to the Fine Arts Center for a one-night-only stand-up show

Colorado Springs (Oct. 15, 2018) — The Fine Arts Center Theatre Company is excited to present *An Evening with Paula Poundstone* Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018.

Paula Poundstone is one of our country's preeminent comedians, known for her smart, observational humor and spontaneous wit that has become the stuff of legend. She tours regularly performing over 85 shows a year.

Paula is also an author, lecturer, host, and actress. In her second book, *The Totally Unscientific Study Of The Search For Human Happiness* (Algonquin Books) she asks the question, "Is there a secret to human happiness?" She offers herself up as a guinea pig in a series of "totally scientific" experiments, recording her data for all mankind. Kirkus Reviews calls it, "A deeply revealing memoir in which the pathos doesn't kill the humor—delivers more than it promises." The book debuted at #1 on Amazon best sellers lists in Humor in Hardcover, Audible, Kindle, and CD within its first 10 days of release and is now out in paperback. The audio book, read by Paula, was one of five finalists for the 2018 Audio Book of the Year.

Paula is a popular panelist on NPR's # 1 show, the weekly comedy news quiz, *Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me!* Her new weekly podcast for Maximum Fun, *Nobody Listens to Paula Poundstone*, is a comedy field guide to life. Each week Paula and her co-host, Adam Felber, a friend and fellow panelist on *Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!* bring on leading expert guests and use their unique comedic sensibility to help us navigate life in the 21st century. Along the way, Paula attempts to explain existence through her kaleidoscopic perspective, and Adam tries to interject some rationality.

Paula's guest appearances include *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, Star Talk with Neil deGrasse Tyson, Late Night with Carson Daly, Nerdist with Chris Hardwick,* and she was a clue in a *New York Times* crossword puzzle. She's filed commentaries for *CBS Sunday Morning* and *Morning Edition,* and *All Things Considered* for NPR. She voices the character "Paulette" in Cartoon Network's new animated series *Summer Camp Island.* An avid Disney movie fan, Paula had a dream come true when she was cast to voice the character "Forgetter Paula" in Disney/Pixar's *Inside Out,* winner of the 2017Academy Award for Best Animated Feature Film.

Paula has had numerous HBO specials and starred in her own series on HBO and ABC. Her second special for HBO, *Paula Poundstone goes to Harvard*, marked the first time the elite university allowed its name to be used in the title of a television show.

Paula was the first woman, in its then 73rd year, to perform standup comedy at the White House Correspondents' Dinner. She won an American Comedy Award for Best Female Standup Comic and is recognized in innumerable lists, documentaries, and literary compendiums noting influential standup comedians of our time.

When: Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. LIMITED SEATS REMAINING! Where: Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College, 30 W. Dale St. Tickets: \$40 Something else: Dine at the FAC's restaurant Taste before the show! Reservations: (719) 634-

Something else: Dine at the FAC's restaurant Taste before the show! Reservations: (719) 634-5583

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

###