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# Fine Arts Center

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## ***Step Right Up! The Fine Arts Center closes the season with Barnum, the Tony Award-winning circus musical***

*Colorado Springs (May 1, 2019)* – The Fine Arts Center Theatre Company is excited to present *Barnum* live on stage May 23-June 16, 2019, directed by Producing Artistic Director, Scott RC Levy.

Ladies and gentleman, boys and girls, children of all ages ... step right up and experience the spectacle that transports you to a world like none you've ever seen before – jugglers, clowns, trapeze artists, and the original ringleader himself. Don't miss this fresh, exciting new take on the classic Tony Award-winning American Musical based on the life of showman P.T. Barnum. (Recommended for ages 6+)

*"An evening of pure, exhilarating fun!" –New York Times*

The cast stars Gil Brady as The Prince of Humbug – Phineas Taylor Barnum, with Jennifer DeDominici as his wife, Charity. The ensemble includes Nick Ortiz, Elizabeth Doyle, Betty Hart, Mark Snyder, Tracy Taylor, Thomas Voss, Mark Autry, Nels Jacobson, Abby Noble, Jessye King, and Mark Alpert. Acclaimed circus artists Kyle Cox, Emily Wegert, Mandy Cervera, and David Hale, and a stellar band under the musical direction of Jerry McCauley join the cast under the big top. The production features scenic design by Christopher L. Sheley, lighting design by Holly Anne Rawls, costume design by Lex Liang, circus direction by Jim Jackson, and choreography by Nathan Halvorson.

Add to the experience with Day Camp options for the kids and production themed dining!

*Barnum* Day Camps are available for kids age 6-13 and offer a fun, educational adventure complete with a tour of the theatre, hands-on experiences with the set, a personal meet-and-greet with the cast members, and more! (Space is limited)

Dine at Taste before the show! Enjoy delectable pre-theatre dining options themed specifically to the production with selections like Circus Peanut Shrimp, Fried Pickles, and a *Jumbo the Elephant Ear* dessert. View full menus online and make your reservations early: (719) 634-5583.

### ***Barnum***

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**When:** May 23-June 16; times vary, check website for details

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

**Tickets:** Starting at \$20 for Wednesday performances and select seats; Students can purchase rush tickets 1 hour before the performance at the FAC front desk for \$15 (Colorado College students receive FREE rush tickets). Tickets subject to availability; must purchase in person; CC students must present a CC Gold Card.

**Special offer:** Ticketholders receive free admission to the museum on the day of their ticketed performance.

*Barnum* is opening in conjunction with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Broadmoor Art Academy (BAA), a national magnet for arts and culture in the early 1900s. At its inception, the BAA, which evolved into the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center in 1936, energized the region and created a modern movement to elevate artistic expression for residents and visitors to the Pikes Peak region. A century after its founding, the FAC celebrates the ingenuity of the artists and patrons who helped to shape the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College into the museum, performing arts theatre, and community art school it is today, and how the BAA's visionary roots are setting the stage for the next generation of arts and cultural enthusiasts. For more information on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, exhibits, and events, visit [www.fac.coloradocollege.edu](http://www.fac.coloradocollege.edu).

### **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. For 100 years, 30 West Dale Street has been the hub of rich cultural history throughout the region. The Broadmoor Art Academy served as a pillar in the cultural community of the Rocky Mountain West. 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 – ultimately evolving into what is known today as 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.fac.coloradocollege.edu](http://www.fac.coloradocollege.edu).

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