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See the next generation of theatre stars in the FAC's Youth Repertory Ensemble production of *Disaster!*

Colorado Springs (July 8, 2019) – The Fine Arts Center Theatre Company is excited to celebrate its 20th year of the Youth Repertory Ensemble with their production of *Disaster!* July 25-28, 2019.

It's 1979, and New York's hottest A-listers are lining up for the opening of a floating casino and discotheque. Also attending is a faded disco star, a nightclub singer with her eleven-year-old twins, a disaster expert, a feminist reporter, an older couple with a secret, a pair of young guys on the prowl, an untrustworthy businessman, and a nun with a gambling addiction. What could go wrong?

While the night kicks off with boogie fever, panic quickly ensues as the ship succumbs to multiple disasters, such as earthquakes, tidal waves, and infernos. As the night turns into day, everyone struggles to survive and, quite possibly, repair the love that they've lost ... or at least escape the killer rats.

Audiences and critics are wild for this hilarious homage to the era of bell-bottoms, platform shoes and the hustle. With larger-than-life characters, snappy dialogue, and some of the most recognizable songs of the '70s (Knock on Wood, Hooked on a Feeling, Sky High, and Hot Stuff, to name a few), *Disaster!* will have you dancing in your seats and rolling in the aisles.

Youth Repertory Ensemble 20 Year Anniversary

The FAC's Youth Repertory Ensemble, currently in its 20th year, is a five-week conservatory training program for aspiring theatre performers, designers and technicians, all of whom auditioned and/or interviewed to be included in the program. For more than a century, students of all ages have taken part in theatre classes including the Youth Repertory Ensemble which is a hallmark of the theatre education program.

Quote from Scott RC Levy, Producing Artistic Director and Director of Performing Arts: *"For 100 years, Theatre Education has been an integral part of the Fine Arts Center's mission. Our Youth Repertory Ensemble, going stronger than ever in this, its 20th consecutive year, is one of the highlights of every season in the theatre. We are proud that these young artists choose to spend their summers with us, receiving the highest quality professional training in the region. Here's to 20 more years!"*

Participants in this year's Youth Repertory Ensemble include:

- Air Academy High School: Joseph Brock, Miranda McCauley
- Bakersfield College: Rachel Daguman

- Cheyenne Mountain High School: Ella Dill, Weller Dorff, Cameron Russell, Maddie Schoen
- Civa Charter School: Berkeley Hart
- Colorado Springs Christian School: Sarah Rasmussen, Mackenzie Walton
- Colorado State University, Fort Collins: Kayla Schill
- Discover Canyon High School: Kady Ballard
- Ellicott High School: Danielle Wood
- Lewis Palmer High School: Anders Arneson, Ethan Boyd, Kylie Crews, Conner Graves, Isabel Hebenstreit, Scott Reif
- Liberty High School: Caden Riehle
- Marymount Manhattan College: Sara Oliver
- Palmer High School: Ellie Levy
- Palmer Ridge High School: Lacey Rubenstein
- Pine Creek High School: Alex Campbell, Donovan Kriskowski, Lena Olson
- Pikes Peak Community College: Elizabeth Pond
- University of Colorado, Colorado Springs: Sheridan Singer
- University of Colorado, Boulder: Jack English
- University of Utah: Brendan Lowry

Disaster!

When: July 25-28, 2019; 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

Related Event

What: *Deconstructing Broadway with Seth Rudetsky* (co-author of *Disaster!*)

When: July 16, 2019; at 7:30 p.m.

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

Tickets: \$30

Details: Sirius/XM radio's Broadway host [Seth Rudetsky](#) brings his hilarious one-man show to Colorado Springs. *Deconstructing Broadway* is a combination of "America's Funniest Home Videos," "The Tony Awards," and "The Daily Show". The 90-minute tour-de-force features Rudetsky's trademark "deconstructions," in which he uses his amazing audio/video collection to break down brilliant performances from beloved Broadway divas like Patti LuPone, Betty Buckley and more. Rudetsky showcases mind-boggling videos like The Osmonds singing a medley from *Fiddler On The Roof* and an entire section on Barbra Streisand. This award-winning show recently played to a sold-out crowd in London where it received 5-star reviews.

Disaster! is opening in conjunction with the 100th 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 100th anniversary, exhibits, and events, visit 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 fac.coloradocollege.edu.

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