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THE BAROQUE WORLD OF FERNANDO BOTERO

The FAC is one of 13 museums in the nation to present this blockbuster

COLORADO SPRINGS (April 7, 2009) – The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center is pleased to present, *The Baroque World of Fernando Botero*, the artist's first American retrospective in over 30 years.

The unforgettable works of the Colombian painter, sculptor, and draftsman resonate with thought-provoking political and social commentary. His exaggeratedly rounded forms depict the comedy of human life – moving or wry, baroque in expression, sometimes with a mocking observation, sometimes with a deep, elementary emotion.

Drawn exclusively from Botero's private collection, the 100 works featured in this exhibition, including previously unpublished paintings and drawings, represent the full scope of his oeuvre from a uniquely personal perspective. Many of these—portraits of friends and family members and remembered scenes—have remained in the artist's possession since their creation, while others he has bought back over the years as markers of significant developments in his career.



The Fine Arts Center is the only museum in Colorado, and one of just 13 nationwide to host this exhibition.

"Fernando Botero is one of the most successful and celebrated artists working today, and the sculptures, paintings and drawings of this exhibit reflect his radical and unique style," said FAC Curator Tariana Navas-Nieves. "From gigantic bronzes of voluptuous women to stunningly beautiful paintings based on works by Diego Velázquez, Piero della Francesca and other great masters, this exhibition is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience Botero's engaging and dramatic works."

The Fine Arts Center will host a very special **Opening Celebration on Friday, May 29**; from 5-8 p.m. Admission is free to FAC members and \$25 for non-members. The exhibit will run regular museum hours from May 30 – Aug. 16. Admission is free for FAC members; \$15 for non-members.

Group tours can be arranged by contacting the FAC at 719.477.4345 or at tours@csfineartscenter.org.

This exhibition is sponsored by El Pomar Foundation, GE Johnson Construction Co., UMB, Colorado Springs Independent, KKTU, Hispanidad, La Casita Patio Café and Univision.

Botero Education Programs



Folding Chair Lecture for Members

Bold and Beautiful: The Art of Fernando Botero

June 27 | 1:30 p.m.

With FAC Curator of Latin American Art Tariana Navas-Nieves.

Family activities

Family Adventure Day

May 23 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Paint your own version of a big, bountiful, beautiful tropical fruit bowl. Design a Botero-esque puppet. Create a small Botero-styled sculpture. Make a sombrero vueltiao, the traditional Colombian hat. Paint your face like a Botero portrait!

FAC Members: Free | Non-members: \$3 | no registration required

Gallery Treks – family gallery walks

June 13 & August 8 | Journeys begins at 11 a.m.

In this program specially designed for young visitors – 6-10 years old and their adult companions – we'll look, listen, and share ideas as we explore *The Baroque World of Fernando Botero*. Interactive gallery activities and discussions give everyone the chance to participate.

Free for FAC Members | \$2.50 for non-member kids 6-10
\$7.50 for non-member adults



Kids' Classes

Color me Botero | 6–8 yrs

July 6–10 | 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

|| **Style of Botero** | 9–12 yrs

|| July 27–31 | 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.



Learn about Botero and explore drawing, painting and collage, creating stylized works that exaggerate and simplify. Visits to *The Baroque World of Fernando Botero* will be included for inspiration. A great mixed-media class for young artists!

FAC Members: \$71 | Non-members: \$86 | registration is required

Afternoons with Botero | 6–10 yrs

June 5, June 26, July 10, July 24 | 1 – 3 p.m.

Explore *The Baroque World of Fernando Botero*, discussing and sketching the works. After sketching in the galleries, venture back to the Bemis studio to create art inspired by the works of Botero using pastels, paints or collage. Art supplies are included and each session will be different.

FAC Members: \$12 | Non-members: \$17 | Registration required for each