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22nd Anniversary Imagination Celebration *'Off the Wall' program offered for Colorado Springs students*

COLORADO SPRINGS (April 11, 2008) – The Fine Arts Center is happy to announce its 2008 Imagination Celebration program, April 29 – May 3. Led by the FAC's dedicated volunteer docents, this year's program, in collaboration with the national theme "creative communities," will feature an interactive museum theater experience – **Off the Wall** – where paintings and sculptures come to life in the Fine Arts Center galleries. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in a hands-on group art project at Bemis School of Art.

Colorado Springs is one of only six cities in the nation affiliated with the Kennedy Center program. The Fine Arts Center was instrumental in bringing Imagination Celebration to Colorado Springs in 1986, and in 1988 FAC docent Mary L. Mashburn became the program's coordinator, building Imagination Celebration in the community for the next 16 years.

The works of art set to "come to life" for students are among the most well-known of the FAC collection, including John Singer Sargent's *Portrait of Miss Elsie Palmer*, Arthur Dove's *Foghorns*, Luis Jimenez' sculpture, *Fiesta/Jarabe*, Allan Houser's *Sacred Rain Arrow*, Kay Sage's *Afterwords*, Paul Pletka's *Ute Agency*, Native American Baskets and Blankets, Galo Galecio prints, and more.

School tours and home school groups (second to eighth grade) are encouraged to plan visits Tuesday, April 29, through Friday, May 2. On Saturday, May 3, families with children of all ages are invited to join the fun. Reservations may be made by calling Bemis School of Art at 719.475.2444. There is a fee of \$3.50 per person, children and adults.

OFF THE WALL: ADVENTURES IN MUSEUM THEATRE AND ART PROJECTS

Tuesday, April 29 – Friday, May 2

2nd to 8th grade | School Tours 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Home School Students 1 – 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 3

All ages welcome | Family Day 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

ABOUT IMAGINATION CELEBRATION

Since 1986, the Kennedy Center Imagination Celebration has produced, presented and promoted programs that have nourished, educated, and entertained thousands and thousands of children, teens and adults. Each year, Imagination Celebration develops and coordinates programming that focuses on performing, visual and literary arts. Find out more at imaginationcelebration.org.