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Artful Lodging Packages FAC teams with area hotels, resorts to celebrate Grand Opening

COLORADO SPRINGS (July 12, 2007) – The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center (FAC) has partnered with The Cliff House, Two Sisters Inn, Colorado Springs Marriott and Embassy Suites to offer lodging packages in celebration of its Extremely Grand Opening festivities beginning in August.

Grand opening festivities are planned from Aug. 2 – 5, and include appearances by Thomas Hoving, the former Director of New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art; John Waters, an outlandish artist and independent film director of *Hairspray*; and Joel Grey, award-winning Broadway legend. The newly expanded 132,286 square-foot facility opens with the inaugural exhibit: *The Eclectic Eye: Pop and Illusion* – Selections from the Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation (Aug. 4 – Oct. 28).

The Art of Romance at The Cliff House

Through 2007, The Cliff House offers a romantic package for two, complete with wine, handmade tuxedo strawberries, and a memento from the FAC. This "Historic Hotel of America," The Cliff House has operated since the 1800s when it served as a stop for hunters, trappers and gold miners. Seventeen celebrity-themed suites are named after some of the famous guests that have rested their heads here over the last 130 years, including Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, the teepee-style Wild West Bill Cody Suite and the Old Hollywood glamour of the Clark Gable Suite. Normal rates are 20 to 30 percent less with this package. For more information, and to make reservations, call 1-888-212-7000 or go online at www.thecliffhouse.com.

Double Your Love of the Arts at Two Sisters Inn

From August through October, Two Sisters Inn, a bed and breakfast nestled at the base of Pikes Peak, offers three art-themed lodging packages. Built in 1919 by two sisters as a boarding house, the Inn welcomes guests with homemade treats and fresh lemonade made with sparkling water from the nearby natural spring. For more information and to make reservations, call: 1-800-2-SIS-INN or visit the Web site at www.twosisinn.com.

Package 1: Aug. 4 – Oct. 28

Rates start at \$370 (tax included, based on double occupancy) and include: two nights, breakfast, a \$40 certificate for lunch at FAC's dining hot-spot Café 36, museum admission and two tickets to the first traveling exhibit- *The Eclectic Eye: Pop and Illusion*.

Package 2: Aug. 2 - 4

Starting at \$390 (tax included, based on double occupancy), this package includes two nights, breakfast, museum admission for two and a pair of tickets to one of the FAC's Extremely Grand Opening guest presenters: Thomas Hoving, John Waters or Joel Grey.

Package 3: Oct. 12 - 28

Rates start at \$420 (tax included, based on double occupancy) and include: two nights and breakfast, and a pair of tickets to the FAC Theatre Company's rendition of Neil Simon's *Brighton Beach Memoirs*.

Package 4: Fridays, Saturdays through Dec. 2007

Starting at \$325 (tax included, based on double occupancy), this packages take patrons downtown to the FAC MODERN and includes, two night and breakfast, museum admission for two and \$20 in FAC Bucks for use at the FAC MODERN Museum Shop.

The Fine Art of a Good Night's Sleep

From Aug. 2 through Dec. 31, the Embassy Suites is offering rates of \$109 for a king suite and \$119 for the two Queen-bed suite. The package comes complete with all of the Embassy Suite amenities including microwave and refrigerator, and complimentary business center. For more information and to make reservations, call 1-800-EMBASSY and ask for the "Fine Arts Center" rate.

Make a Good Impression Package

In partnership with the Fine Arts Center, the Colorado Springs Marriott Hotel, a local luxury hotel nestled in the foothills of Pikes Peak, is offering discounted weekend guest room accommodations for \$89 per night for the first two traveling exhibitions at the newly expanded FAC: *The Eclectic Eye: Pop and Illusion* and *Impressionist and Modern Masters*. For more information about the hotel or to book this special package, call (719) 260-1800 or visit <http://marriott.com/hotels/travel/cosmc-colorado-springs-marriott/>.

Throughout the year, the FAC will host major international traveling exhibitions, and feature works from the Center's significant permanent collection, including a \$2 million compilation of Dale Chihuly glass, and one of the largest collections of Native American and Southwestern art in the country.

ABOUT THE FINE ARTS CENTER

Founded in 1936, the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center is a privately funded, non-profit art museum, performing arts theatre, and arts education center. The two-story, 48,000 square-foot expansion to be unveiled Aug. 2-5 during the *Extremely Grand Opening* was conceived and designed by award-winning architect and Colorado Springs native David Owen Tryba to complement the original 1936 John Gaw Meem building, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Visit www.csfineartscenter.org.