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## Press Release

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### AN IDEAL HUSBAND

#### FAC Theatre Company opens season with an Oscar Wilde comedy

**COLORADO SPRINGS** (Sept. 14, 2010) – The Fine Arts Center Theatre Company will open its 2010-2011 season with *An Ideal Husband*, a brilliant Oscar Wilde comedy of wit and intrigue, decadence, and scandal. The show runs from Oct. 8 – 24.

**VIDEOS:** [Initial Reading](#) with director and cast | [Set Design](#) with Chris Sheley  
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[Lady Gaga-Inspired Costumes by Leslie Aldridge](#)

In this modernization of a 19<sup>th</sup> Century favorite, the timeless question remains, what makes an ideal husband? Set in modern London, this dazzling blend of farce and morality revolves around the lives of two men: a successful political figure and his philandering friend. One has a secret scandal in his past.

"Sooner or later, we shall all have to pay for what we do," notes Wilde, but "no one should be entirely judged by their past."

**Julian Bucknall**, the play's director, has a particular affection for Wilde's plays ever since his first gig as an actor in the Colorado Springs was Algy in *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Bucknall, who has appeared on the SaGaJi Theatre stage in *Anything Goes* and *A Christmas Carol*, last directed for the FAC in 1995, the show, *Cabaret*, won the Gazette's Readers Choice Award for Best Musical.

"*An Ideal Husband* is a gem of a play, a heady mix of drama and wit," said Bucknall. "A seemingly unsolvable dilemma, strong characters, epigrams flying about like leaves in a hurricane. Capturing all that in a modern production is going to be very challenging for the cast, yet extremely rewarding for the audience."

The cast features **Max Ferguson** (*Viscount Goring*), **Jeremy Joynt** (*Sir Robert Chiltern*), **Becca Rothstein** (*Mabel Chiltern*), **Amy Haines** (*Mrs. Cheveley*) and **Kara Whitney** (*Lady Chiltern*).

Ferguson has been seen recently in the Springs Ensemble Theater's production of *Talk Radio* and *Glengerry Glen Ross*. Joynt, who has a background in comedy improvisation, makes his SaGāJi Theatre debut with *An Ideal Husband*. Rothstein, a junior at Cheyenne Mountain High School, is a FAC's Youth Repertory Theatre alum. Haines has played Blanche in *A Streetcar Named Desire* and Maggie in a *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*.

Whitney turned quite a few heads with her starring role in the Star Bar Players' production of *Frankie and Johnny in the Claire de Lune*.

"Whitney, who had a 15-year acting career in Seattle and L.A., makes a brilliant debut in her hometown with this production, giving one of the most effortlessly natural performances I've seen in a long time as the self-effacing waitress Frankie," wrote *The Gazette*. John Moore of the *Denver Post* noted, "She's playing Frankie's anger, wariness, suspicion and vulnerability as if there are only two people in the room."

**Eryn Carman** (*Lady Markby*) won the Best Actress award in *Gazette's* 2010 "Best of the Springs" for her role in last season's *Sweeney Todd*: "With her flawless comic delivery and boundless charm, this vivacious actress did the impossible: she managed to make a manipulative murderess lovable. And she's got some powerhouse pipes to boot."

The creative team includes **Christopher L. Sheley** (*Scenic Designer*), **Leslie S. Aldridge** (*Costume Design*), **Holly Anne Rawls** (*Lighting Design*), **Breton Parks Christopherson** (*Sound Design*), and **Jessica Rose** (*Properties Master*). The production stage manager is **Brantley Scott Haines**.

"Fall is a great time at the FAC," said FAC President/CEO Sam Gappmayer. "We are very excited about the opening of the theater season and know the *An Ideal Husband* is going to be incredibly popular."

#### **Tickets and Show times**

Thursday/Friday/Saturday	7:30 p.m.	\$30 FAC members; \$35 non-members
Sunday	2:00 p.m.	\$26 FAC members; \$31 non-members

#### **Pre-Theatre Dining**

Enjoy a gourmet meal at [Amuzé at the FAC](#) prior to the show. Reservations can be made at 719.477.4377.

#### **Season Subscriptions Available**

Patrons subscribing to the 2010-2011 season **get five shows for the price of four** and can take advantage of benefits not available to single ticket buyers, which include a 'trade out' policy, 'Lost Ticket Insurance' and the 'Easy Exchange Policy.' Renewing subscribers can keep their same seats or upgrade. In honor of the FAC's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, first-time subscribers can buy a season package for as low as \$75.

More information concerning tickets sales for individuals or groups, and the Curtain Call Society can be found at [csfineartscenter.org](http://csfineartscenter.org) or by calling the FAC Box Office at **719.634.5583**.

#### **FAC Theatre Company Season**

**An Ideal Husband** | Oct. 8-24

**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** | Nov. 26 – Dec. 19

**The Producers** | Jan. 26 – Feb. 20

**The Women** | March 25 – April 10

**1776** | May 13 – June 5

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