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NEIL SIMON'S BILOXI BLUES FAC theatre season opens Oct. 10; military discounts available

COLORADO SPRINGS (Sept. 23, 2008) – The Fine Arts Center Theatre Company will open its 2008-2009 season on Friday, Oct. 10, with the military comedy, *Biloxi Blues*, the second of three autobiographical plays by Neil Simon.

The lead character, Eugene Morris Jerome, is an Army recruit during the Second World War, going through basic training and learning about life at boot camp in Biloxi, Miss. The *New York Times* calls this Tony Award-winning comedy “joyous and unexpectedly rewarding.”

The FAC is offering a **15 percent discount** on single tickets for military personnel and their spouses throughout the run of this PG-13 production. *Biloxi Blues* will run for three weekends until Oct. 26.

Biloxi Blues picks up Eugene where he left off in *Brighton Beach Memoirs*. As a young man, he's headed for basic training in Biloxi, where he meets new people and continues to write in his book of memoirs.

Marco Robinson, a 17-year-old senior at Pine Creek High School who played Eugene last season, will reprise the role for *Biloxi Blues*. Last season *The Gazette* called Robinson a “phenomenon;” adding, “Robinson plays it as though he's been Eugene his entire life, irritatingly smart and smart-alecky yet overflowing with pubescent anxiety.”

Eugene and five assorted enlisted men suffer under a hard-nosed Drill Instructor, Sgt. Toomey, who will be portrayed by **Mark Rubald**, a Denver-based actor whose credits include work at the Central City Opera, Arvada Center, and the Tony Award-winning Denver Center Theatre Company. Audience favorite, **Brantley Scott Haines**, plays Wykowski. Haines is best known for his work in the FAC productions of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* as the Beast and *Into the Woods* as Cinderella's Prince.

Dylan McClintock (*Carney*), **Brian Frank** (*Selridge*), **Jeffrey S. Miller** (*Epstein*), **Dustin Kerls** (*Hennesey*), **Carmen Vreeman** (*Daisy*), and **Lynn Jacobs** (*Rowena*) round out the cast.

Biloxi Blues is directed by **Alan Osburn**, the Producing Artistic Director of the FAC Theatre Company. Osburn has worked as a producer, director, teacher, and actor for over 30 years. His acting credits include being seen both on Broadway and in the National Touring Companies of *Les Misérables* as Inspector Javert.

At the FAC, he directed *Anything Goes*, *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, *Sunday in the Park with George* and *Into the Woods*, nominated for the Best Musical Ovation Award by the *Denver Post*.

"If you had anything to do with WWII whether it was being in the service, being married to someone who was in the service, or just plain enduring the hardship and struggle of living through it, you will want to see this show," said Osburn. "A great cast, a fantastic set, and everything and more that you would expect from one of Neil Simon's best plays."

The creative team includes Scenic Designer **Christopher L. Sheley**, who earned the 2006 Denver Post Ovation Award for "Best Set Design" for *Pirates of Penzance*; **Sarah S. Shaver** (*Costume Design*), **Holly A. Rawls** (*Lighting Design*), **Steve Stevens** (*Sound Design*), and **Cory Moosman** (*Properties Master*).

Tickets and Show times

Thursday	7:30 p.m.	\$26 FAC members; \$31 non-members
Friday/Saturday	8:00 p.m.	\$30 FAC members; \$35 non-members
Sunday	2:00 p.m.	\$26 FAC members; \$31 non-members

Season Subscriptions Available

Subscribers to the 2008-2009 season can see five high-quality productions for the price of four. Plus:

- Claim the best seats available months before single tickets go on sale.
- Pay no "handling fees" that apply to single ticket purchases.
- Take advantage of our easy [exchange policy](#).
- Have the assurance that we have a record of your tickets even if you misplaced them.
- Take advantage of our new "trade out" policy.

This year the FAC is offering our 2008/2009 subscribers a new "trade out" policy. This new benefit allows all subscribers the option to "trade out" their tickets for any given production for additional tickets to another offering. There is a two-show limit with this policy and it applies only to FAC Theatre Company productions.

As always, FAC members receive a discount to all Fine Arts Center Theatre Company productions.

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

FAC Theatre Company Season

Biloxi Blues | Oct. 10-26

A Christmas Carol | Dec. 5-21

The Full Monty | Jan. 23 – Feb. 15

Lend Me a Tenor | March 20 – April 5

The Music Man | May 8 - 31

Biloxi Blues is sponsored by the El Pomar Foundation (FAC Annual Sponsor), KCME, and the Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado.