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Brighton Beach Memoirs **Neil Simon comedy opens FAC Theatre Company's 2007-08 season**

COLORADO SPRINGS (Sept. 18, 2007) – The Fine Arts Center Theatre Company will present Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs" to open the 2007-2008 season at the SaGaJi Theatre Oct. 12-28.

"Brighton Beach Memoirs" is a heartfelt portrait of Eugene -- the young Neil Simon -- as a Brooklyn teenager in 1937, who is fascinated with the New York Yankees ... and his cousin Nora.

This family comedy, rated PG-13, will be directed by Alan Osburn, the Producing Artistic Director of the Theatre Company; and has been called Simon's "finest play" by CBS TV and his "funniest," according to the New York Daily News.

"Neil Simon is one of America's finest playwrights," said Osburn. "He's respected as one of the greatest craftsmen of plays in the business."

"Brighton Beach Memoirs," the first of three autobiographical plays by Simon, portrays the writer as a teenager living with his family in crowded, lower middle class circumstances. Eugene is the narrator and central character who takes us through a series of trenchant observations and insights that show his family meeting life's challenges with pride, spirit, and a marvelous sense of humor.

"This play is centered on the family being the most important thing in the world," said Osburn. "These are people – the Jerome family – who are going through a number of hardships, but who say, 'no matter what we're going to make it because our family is going to stay together.'"

The show features an excellent ensemble cast and includes Marco Robinson and his real-life older brother Oscar Robinson playing the roles of Eugene and his older brother Stanley. The Robinson brothers are 15 and 19 and the Jerome brothers are 14 ½ and 18 ½.

Marco attends (and Oscar attended) Pine Creek High School and the brothers have appeared on stage together in "The Importance of Being Earnest" at the 2005 Thespian Conference in Denver.

“On the first day of auditions, I had these two brothers walk in and they were perfect,” said Osburn. “It’s very exciting for all of us. And the rest of the cast is really, really good.”

Amy Brooks (Kate) and Steve Emily (Jack) play the parents. Jane Fromme is cast as Aunt Blanche, who lives with the Jeromes with her two daughters Nora and Laurie. Tina Ivlev, a Cheyenne Mountain High grad, plays Cousin Nora, who Eugene is madly in love with from afar in the Act I, however, by Act II, Eugene announces that he hates her. And Sloan Brooke Lyons portrays Cousin Laurie. She attends Littleton’s Mackintosh Academy for talented and gifted students.

Tickets and Show times

Thursday	7:30 p.m.	\$24 FAC members; \$26 non-members; \$27 at the door
Friday	8:00 p.m.	\$26 FAC members; \$28 non-members; \$29 at the door
Saturday	8:00 p.m.	\$26 FAC members; \$28 non-members; \$29 at the door
Sunday	2:00 p.m.	\$26 FAC members; \$28 non-members; \$29 at the door

Tickets can be purchased online at csfineartscenter.org or by calling **719.634.5583**.

Season Tickets Are Still Available

FAC members, who subscribe to all five shows, can save up to 28 percent off of the regular single-ticket price. Subscribers can claim the best seats months before single tickets go on sale. They are also covered by ‘Lost Ticket Insurance’ and can use the ‘Easy Exchange Policy,’ while enjoying a 10 percent discount on all beverages and desserts.

More information can be found online at csfineartscenter.org or by calling **719.634.5583**.

Season Subscription Pricing

Thursday Series Ticket Prices:	Friday, Saturday, Sunday Series Ticket Prices:
FAC Members \$90	FAC Members \$100
Non-Members \$110	Non-Members \$120

The 2007-2008 FAC Theatre Company Season

- **Brighton Beach Memoirs** | October 12 – 28
- **A Christmas Carol** | November 30 – December 23
- **Sunday in the Park with George** | January 25 - February 17
- **Fuddy Meers** | March 21 – April 6
- **Beauty and the Beast** | May 9 – June 1

The 2007-2008 Theatre Season is sponsored by the Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado and the El Pomar Foundation.

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. A two-story, 48,000 square-foot expansion was unveiled in August 2007 which complements the original 1936 John Gaw Meem building, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Visit www.csfineartscenter.org.