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## Press Release

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### **FACES IN THE CROWD** **Permanent Collection Portraiture featured at FAC MODERN**

**COLORADO SPRINGS** (Sept. 25, 2007) – The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center is proud to present “Faces in the Crowd: Portraiture from the FAC Permanent Collection,” beginning with a special Opening Celebration on Friday, Oct. 12 from 5-8 p.m. The exhibition will run through January 20, 2008.

This exhibition will challenge the concept of portraiture by delving into the permanent collection from all angles and putting works of art, some of which have never been exhibited, on display.

“In this show particularly we are creating different scenarios so that the viewers can arrive at their own interpretations rather than us guiding them to any preconceived notions of what portraiture is,” said Tariana Navas-Nieves, FAC Curator of Hispanic and Native American Art.

Prior to the 20th century, portraitists were usually compelled to respond to and follow the wishes of the sitters, bringing together expected poses, format, and costume to fulfill the specific demands of the client. As we move into the Modern era, artists take a freer and more expressionistic approach in order to create a likeness that is perhaps more than just physical.

“The FAC MODERN is a space where we can go out on a limb,” adds Blake Milteer, FAC Curator of 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Century American Art. “With “Faces” we are examining a subject that is at the core of what art has been for millennia.”

“The human face is our touchstone for so much art historically, and is a subject in which we can keep one foot in history and tradition and the other in the unexpected. So, the title of the show is a question mark, rather than a statement.”

Works featured in the show run the gamut from irreverent humor to deeply felt homage and include Paul Cadmus's *Study for David and Goliath*, which depicts the artist and his longtime partner reenacting Baroque artist Caravaggio's paintings that were based on the Old Testament story; portraits of non-humans such as *Study for Angus* by James Wyeth and *Bacon Dog* by Dan Britton, not to mention a few surprises.

John Singer Sargent, the most successful portrait artist of his era, will be on display. To complement his familiar *Portrait of Miss Elsie Palmer* that hangs in the FAC Main, a second masterwork from Sargent, *Portrait of Count Albert De Bellerocche*, will be exhibited in "Faces in the Crowd."

There will also be a wide variety of media from drawing, painting, installation and sculpture, including bultos by Felix A. Lopez. Artists Tony Ortega, Joe Baker, Floyd Tunson as well as Broadmoor Art Academy alum and many Latin and Native American works will be on display.

The FAC MODERN, located in the Plaza of the Rockies, was called the 'best thing to happen to Southern Colorado business' by the readers of the *Colorado Springs Business Journal* and the 'Best Art Museum' by the readers of *The Gazette* in 2007.

Opened in April of 2006, the FAC MODERN expanded the Fine Arts Center's reach into the heart of downtown Colorado Springs. Thanks to the generosity of the Nor'wood Development Group, the FAC was able to continue to present world-class exhibitions without interruption during the expansion at the FAC main facility. The FAC MODERN will continue to offer edgy, contemporary exhibitions.

Photos from "Faces in the Crowd" are available upon request by contacting Melissa Thompson at [mthompson@csfineartscenter.org](mailto:mthompson@csfineartscenter.org) or by calling 719.477.4350.

The FAC MODERN is sponsored by the El Pomar Foundation, Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado, Nor'wood Development Group, and JPMorganChase.

## **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](http://www.csfineartscenter.org).

## **FAC MODERN EXHIBITION SCHEDULE**

### **Faces in the Crowd: Portraiture from the Permanent Collection of the Fine Arts Center**

October 13, 2007 – January 20, 2008 | *Opening Celebration:* 5-8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12

### **Altered Space: 21st Century Installation Art**

February 2 – April 27, 2008 | *Opening Celebration:* 5-8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1

### **Styling the Modern: Fine Art Meets Fashion**

May 10 – July 6, 2008 | *Opening Celebration:* 5-8 p.m. on Friday, May 9

### **Pablo Picasso: Etchings 1966-1971**

July 19 – Sept. 14, 2008 | *Opening Celebration:* 5-8 p.m. on Friday, July 18

**FAC MODERN**

Plaza of the Rockies, 1st Floor, South Tower  
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**NEW HOURS as of Aug. 6, 2007****FAC MODERN, MUSEUM SHOP**

Monday	Closed
Tuesday, Wednesday	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday, Friday, Saturday	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Sunday	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**NEW ADMISSION PRICING as of Aug. 4, 2007****FAC MODERN ADMISSION**

*Includes FAC MODERN and the permanent collection at the FAC MAIN*

FAC members	Free
Non-Members – adults	\$7.50
Non-Members – seniors	\$6.75
Non-Members – students with ID	\$6.75
Non-Members – youth 5-17	\$6.75
Non-Members – kids 4 and under	Free

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*Includes FAC MODERN, traveling exhibition and permanent collection at the FAC MAIN*

FAC members – adults	\$7.50
FAC members – seniors	\$6.75
FAC members – students with ID	\$6.75
FAC members – youth 5-17	\$6.75
Non-Members – adults	\$12.00
Non-Members – seniors	\$10.50
Non-Members – students with ID	\$10.50
Non-Members – youth 5-17	\$10.50
Non-Members – kids 4 and under	Free

**FAC MODERN Free Admission with Student ID**

*Colorado College*

*Univ. of Colorado-Colorado Springs*

*Pikes Peak Community College*