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DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The Fine Arts Center hires Tom Jackson to lead fund raising efforts

COLORADO SPRINGS (Nov. 5, 2010) – The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center announces the appointment of Tom Jackson as its Development Director today.

Jackson has 24 years of development experience for three nonprofits as Senior Vice President of Planning and Development at KETC (1986-2002), the PBS affiliate in St. Louis; Director of Development at the Nevada Museum of Art (2002-2007) and Senior Director of Development at the Austin Museum of Art (2007-2010).

"We are delighted to bring a seasoned and successful fund raising leader like Tom Jackson to the Fine Arts Center and to Colorado Springs," said Sam Gappmayer, FAC President and CEO. "Tom is a personable, creative professional with deep experience in all areas of institutional advancement. He has a track record of helping arts organizations grow. And I think he will make positive impact at the FAC. I know that our staff, donors, patrons and community are going to enjoy working with Tom in the weeks and months ahead."

Jackson will begin his duties at the FAC on Monday, Nov. 29.

At the Austin Museum of Art, Jackson created a capital campaign for a new downtown building and then personally solicited \$4.5 million in the first six months of the campaign. At the Nevada Museum of Art, Jackson increased membership from under 2,000 to over 7,000 households in 18 months (and maintained a renewal rate of 96 percent); doubled the number of donors contributing \$1,000 or more and tripled the annual revenue for the development department.

"I look forward to joining the FAC staff," said Jackson. "It will be great to work with such a talented group of people. The Fine Arts Center is a remarkable organization that does an outstanding job serving the community. My wife Catherine and I are eager to get settled in Colorado Springs; it's such a beautiful spot."

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The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, established in 1936, is home to a museum, theatre and arts school. Built on the foundation of the prestigious Broadmoor Art Academy, the FAC was one of 16 charter members of the American Association of Museums. The FAC offers the visual arts via its permanent collection and travelling exhibitions, performing arts through the FAC Theatre Company, and arts education with the Bemis School of Art. The FAC building, designed by John Gaw Meem, is listed on the National Register for Historical Places. In 2007, the FAC unveiled a \$28.6 million renovation and expansion.

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