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Photography-based collage by Patricia Barry Levy featured in the FAC's Deco Lounge & First Friday Art Parties

COLORADO SPRINGS (**March 20, 2017**) — The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center's First Friday Art Parties continue their photography theme with photo-based collage works by Denver-based artist, Patricia Barry Levy, on view and available for sale April 7-May 28, 2017 – with special First Friday Art Parties on April 7 and May 5 (5-7:30p).

Patricia Barry Levy (Denver, CO)

Patricia Barry Levy's work is inspired by beauty, mystery, whimsy and the varieties of challenges faced by humanity and the natural world in a rapidly changing environment.

"I take photographs on designated road trips, most often to the wide-open spaces of the American Great Plains. With few people and an abundance of seemingly empty space, it feels like a tabula rasa from which to reflect on our relationship to the land and the natural world. The skies, horizons, and fields provide backgrounds," stated Levy.

Patricia Barry Levy has degrees in history and photography. Early in her career, she worked as a newspaper photographer in western Colorado, where her fascination with telling stories began. In 1985 she opened her commercial studio in Denver, specializing in people/portraiture for national magazines and corporate communications. Levy found embracing digital tools opened the doors of creativity in new ways, allowing her to move further into the realm of imagination. Increasingly the final images became the result of an additive process, made up of collected and created elements.

"I am excited to be using my camera as the starting point in the construction of visual stories," said Levy.

First Friday Art Parties

When: April 7 & May 5, 2017 from 5-7:30p

Where: Deco Lounge at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, 30 W. Dale St.

Admission: FREE and open to the public

Something else: Meet the artist, enjoy live music, artist demos, giveaways, a cash bar, and check out the Museum Shop

Even more: This show, along with the current Museum exhibition *Larry Hulst: Front Row Center*, are participating events with the Month of Photography Denver, a biennial celebration of fine art photography with hundreds of collaborative public events throughout the region. <http://www.mopdenver.com/>

Fine Arts Center

In 1919 the Broadmoor Art Academy (BAA) was established in the former home of philanthropists Julie and Spencer Penrose. After the Great Depression hit in 1929, the BAA looked at diversifying further, expanding into an entire arts district under one roof. And that's how the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center (FAC) came to be. The FAC, built in 1936, is a privately funded, non-profit art museum, professional theatre company and arts education center. Built on the foundation of the prestigious BAA, the FAC carries the legacy of Colorado's arts and cultural heritage. One of 16 charter members of the American Alliance of Museums, the FAC offers the best in visual arts via its permanent collection and

travelling exhibitions, as a TCG member theatre company, and through arts education with the FAC's Bemis School of Art. The FAC building is considered an architectural treasure in the Rocky Mountain region, designed by John Gaw Meem, and is listed on the National Register of Historical Places. For information, visit csfineartscenter.org

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