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# Fine Arts Center

at COLORADO COLLEGE

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## **Leapin' Lizards! The irrepressible comic strip heroine Annie hits the FAC Mainstage this holiday season**

*Colorado Springs (November 2, 2017)* — The Theatre Company of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College is excited to present one of the world's best-loved musicals, *Annie*, Dec. 7, 2017-Jan.7, 2018 directed by Scott RC Levy.

Based on the popular comic strip by Harold Gray, *Annie* has become a worldwide phenomenon and is the winner of seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical. This beloved show features some of the greatest musical theatre hits ever written, including *It's a Hard Knock Life*, and *Tomorrow*.

*"One of the best family musicals ever penned."* —*Chicago Tribune*

With equal measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. She is determined to find the parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage that is run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. With the help of the other girls in the orphanage, Annie escapes into the wondrous world of NYC. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations, and even befriends President Franklin D. Roosevelt. She finds a new home and family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary Grace Farrell, and a lovable mutt named Sandy. *Annie* is the perfect family-friendly musical – just in time for the holidays.

The cast includes Natalie Beaumont and Kennedy Ort alternating as Annie, Haley Ballard and Seyana Schaffer alternating as Molly, with Kelly Tamberg, Ellie Levy, Gracie Woo, Ella Dill, Delia Phillips and Liv Carr as the other orphans. The production also stars Mark Rubald as Daddy Warbucks, Sally Hybl as Miss Hannigan, Jennifer DeDominici as Grace Farrell, Rebecca Myers as Lily St. Regis, Kevin Pierce as Rooster, Tom Auclair as Franklin D. Roosevelt. The ensemble features Marisa Hebert, Zachary Seliquini Guzman, Parker Fowler, Tracy Hedding, Nels Jacobson, Jessye King, Alexandria Lewis, Meggan O'Mahony, Danine Schell, and Thomas Voss.

This lavish production features a 10-piece orchestra led by Jay Hahn, choreography by Nathan Halvorson, Scenic Design by Christopher L. Sheley, Lighting Design by Holly Anne Rawls, and Costume Design by Lex Liang. The production is stage managed by Tim Muldrew.

Sandy, Annie's four-legged sidekick, will be played by one of Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region's (HSPPR) alums. Sandy, a 2-year-old terrier mix, was transferred to HSPPR on the Rescue Rover this summer. She was quite shy at first and a candidate for HSPPR's wallflower program, in which staff and volunteers work with dogs to help build their confidence. She thrived on the positive interaction and reinforcement she was getting. That's when staff realized she would make a great addition to the cast as Annie's dog! After a brief audition, Sandy moved in with an HSPPR foster volunteer to continue her training. Fortunately, Sandy will have a home, but to learn more about her adoptable friends at HSPPR in need of a new family, visit [www.hsppr.org/adopt](http://www.hsppr.org/adopt).

## **Annie**

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**When:** Dec. 7, 2017-Jan. 7, 2018, show dates and times vary – visit website for details

**Where:** Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College, 30 W. Dale St.

**Tickets:** Starting at \$20

**Something else:** Delight your young emerging artist in a magical experience they won't soon forget. *Annie* Day Camps offer kids 6-13 a fun, educational experience complete with a tour of the theatre, hands-on experiences with the set, a dance class, a personal meet-and-greet with the cast members, and more! Offered at 11 a.m. on Saturdays, cost is \$30 per child. Performance tickets to *Annie* are additional.

**More:** Enjoy an incredible *Annie* themed dinner menu for evening performances and a delectable brunch buffet for matinée performances. Or, choose from the small plate menu in Deco Lounge. Reservations: (719) 634-5583

**Even more:** Theatre patrons receive free admission to the FAC Museum on the day of their ticketed performance.

**Even more:** This holiday season the FAC's calendar is loaded with great theatre, exhibitions, and special events to enjoy with family and friends such as Museum Free Days, a Silent Disco, and more. Check the FAC calendar online for dates and details!

### **Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College**

The story of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College (FAC) begins with the founding of the Broadmoor Art Academy by Julie and Spencer Penrose in 1919. During the Great Depression, three dedicated philanthropists – Julie Penrose, Alice Bemis Taylor, and Elizabeth Sage Hare – envisioned expanding the Broadmoor Art Academy into an entire arts district under one roof. The FAC changed its name, built a grand building, and opened as the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center in 1936. In August 2016, the FAC announced an historic alliance with Colorado College and on July 1, 2017, became the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College. The FAC is deeply rooted in the legacy of its founders, who possessed bold visions, a deep passion for the arts, and dedication to the Colorado Springs community. The FAC honors this legacy and spirit today by providing innovative, educational, and multidisciplinary arts experiences designed to elevate the individual spirit and inspire community vitality, building on its history as a unique cultural pillar of the Pikes Peak region. For more information, visit [www.coloradocollege.edu/fac](http://www.coloradocollege.edu/fac)

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