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***Dogfight*, by the award-winning composers of *La La Land*, to be the next FAC Theatre School benefit concert**

Colorado Springs (December 13, 2017) — The Theatre Company of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College is excited to present *Dogfight*, a benefit concert for the FAC Theatre School, Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, directed by Nathan Halvorson.

Dogfight, by Pasek and Paul (Oscar winners for *La La Land*, and composers of the Broadway hit *Dear Evan Hansen*) and Peter Duchan, was praised by countless critics and nominated for numerous awards, winning the Lucille Lortel Award for Best Musical. This hauntingly beautiful musical based on the 1991 Warner Bros. film, is a romantic and heartbreaking theatrical journey studded with impressive songs and a genuine and charming soul.

It's November 21, 1963. On the eve of their deployment to a small but growing conflict in Southeast Asia, three young Marines set out for one final boys' night of debauchery, partying and maybe a little trouble. But, when Corporal Eddie Birdlace meets Rose, an awkward and idealistic waitress whom he enlists to win a cruel bet with his fellow recruits, she rewrites the rules of the game and teaches him the power of love and compassion.

The cast and crew comprises current and former students as well as instructors of the FAC's Youth Repertory program including Josh Owen, Casey Fetters, Christian Ray, Kevin Pierce, Rebecca Myers, Parker Fowler, Will Edelson, Jack English, Jennifer DeDominici, Rachel Daguman, and Jerry McCauley with music direction by Stephanie McGuffin, lighting designed by Holly Rawls, and stage management by Terri Harrison.

Proceeds from this benefit performance will help further the FAC's Youth Repertory program along with other FAC Theatre School classes, providing comprehensive, focused and professional theatrical training for young thespians and adult actors. Ticket purchases for this special production will help to develop the FAC's year-round educational programs and grow the scholarship fund to allow more students the opportunity to receive full and partial scholarships. It will also allow the theatre school to contract more professional actors, designers, directors and educators from around the country to teach a variety of workshops so students get the most diverse, well-rounded knowledge possible.

Dogfight: A Benefit Concert

When: Saturday, Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m.

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

Tickets: \$50 adults, \$40 students (with ID)

Something else: FAC Theatre School classes for ages 5-adult start Jan. 17 and run through Aug. 3. Visit the website for details.

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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

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