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## Michael Baum in the FAC's Deco Lounge & First Friday Art Parties

*COLORADO SPRINGS (November 16, 2016)* — The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center's First Friday Art Party is proud to introduce the work of Michael Baum to our Deco Lounge Gallery lineup. Michael's extensive studio career shines as he showcases a variety of landscape paintings, from small plein air works to larger scale studio constructions. His work will be on view and on sale December 2, 2016 through January 29, 2017 – with special First Friday Art Parties on December 2 and January 6, 5-7:30p.

### About Michael Baum (Manitou Springs, CO)

Michael Baum is an oil painter specializing in contemporary representations of the western and southwestern landscape. His 35-year, passionate exploration of the American West has led to an advanced landscape painting practice at the top echelon of this genre. He thrives on the challenge of getting to the essence of a scene through translating the immense beauty, light, and air of a place. His passion for paint and the land express themselves together in his works. His paintings are included in numerous private, corporate, and public collections nationally and internationally, and he regularly sells work in the FAC Museum Shop gallery. Michael lives and works in Manitou Springs, Colorado. Recent exhibitions include the Governor's Art Show, Denver, Colorado, 2016.

"Revealing the inner essence of a thing by painting its outward appearance is the adventure of a lifetime."  
– Michael Baum

### First Friday Art Parties

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**When:** Dec 2, 2016 & Jan 6, 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. Meet the artist, enjoy live music, giveaways, a cash bar, and more.

**Something else:** At 6p, join us for a gut-busting stand-up comedy hour in the Music Room for only \$10! The Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> comedian will be Erik Knowles, 1<sup>st</sup> place winner of The World Series of Comedy in 2016.

**Even more:** The FAC Museum Shop will showcase a Trunk Show, Dec 2 (5-7:30p) and Dec 3 (10a-4p), featuring Colorado Springs clothing manufacturer, Janska. Janska's designs will seal in the warmth needed to thrive this winter.

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

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