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Celebrate the Month of Photography at the FAC's Deco Lounge & First Friday Art Parties with stunning selections by Bill Starr Photography

COLORADO SPRINGS (Jan. 26, 2017) — The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center's First Friday Art Party kicks off a new year of gallery shows in February with the photography of Bill Starr, on view and available for sale Feb. 3-Apr. 2, 2017 – with special First Friday Art Parties on Feb. 3 and Mar. 3 (5-7:30p).

Starr's work captures moments of movement with a sense of reverence for form and motion. This selection of images highlights a number of performance-related photographs that transcend documentation to achieve a uniquely artistic quality.

Bill Starr (Colorado Springs, CO)

For more than 35 years, Bill Starr has shared his passion by photographically capturing movement in dance, theater, and performance art – and throughout Colorado's indie/electronic/folk music scenes. The subject of his work is informed and influenced by his lifelong experience of living with acute rheumatoid arthritis. His photographs harness both the raw and elegant aspects of the human body in motion. He is well known for recording the likenesses of many area artists and students over the span of his career.

First Friday Art Parties

When: Feb. 3 & Mar. 3, 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 The Museum Shop

Even more: This show, along with the April/May featured artist Patricia Barry Levy, and *Front Row Center: Larry Hulst*, 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/>

Even more: Be the first to know. At 6:15p in the FAC theatre, the FAC's theatre company, museum and art school will reveal the lineup for the upcoming 2017-2018 season!

Even more: On March 3, the FAC is partnering with GOCA 121 to present a progressive First Friday experience presented in conjunction with the *Force/Resistance* exhibition at FAC and the *Black Power Tarot* exhibition at GOCA 121. From 5:30-6p enjoy a Spoken Word Performance by Idris Goodwin, Nico Wilkinson, and Friends at the FAC and view *Force/Resistance* in the museum for free from 5p-7:30p. Then head to GOCA 121 for more entertainment and to view *Black Power Tarot*.

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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