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## More Than \$82 Million Awarded for Arts Projects Nationwide Including \$10,000 Awarded to the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center

COLORADO SPRINGS (June 23, 2017) — National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Chairman Jane Chu has approved more than \$82 million to fund local arts projects across the country in the NEA's second major funding announcement for fiscal year 2017. Included in this announcement is an Art Works award of \$10,000 to the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center to support a trio of exhibitions and their related programming during the autumn of 2017. The NEA received 1,728 Art Works applications and will make 1,029 grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000.

"The arts reflect the vision, energy, and talent of America's artists and arts organizations," said NEA Chairman Jane Chu. "The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support organizations such as the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, in serving their communities by providing excellent and accessible arts experiences."

"It is an honor to be one of only sixteen arts and culture organizations in Colorado, and the only Colorado Springs organization to receive this grant," said Erin Hannan, Director of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center. "With virtually no revenue from the public sector, grants such as this one are critical in creating greater access to the arts and helping us maintain a high level of excellence in programming."

This grant will support a series of exhibitions and related programming exploring themes related to *roots* and what it means to be connected to the earth, to the people around us, to the heritage of our family trees, and to be grounded within ourselves as we navigate the cycle of life. The series will include three distinct exhibitions that will be on view concurrently from mid-October through the beginning of January 2018: *Wendy Mike and De Lane Bredvik: Ragnarök*; *Jennifer Steinkamp: Judy Crook*; and *Steven Durow: Heartland*. A variety of public programs such as artists' talks, lectures, gallery tours, and dance and musical performances are planned to complement the exhibitions.

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### 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 more information, visit [csfineartscenter.org](http://csfineartscenter.org)

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