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## Hilarious “Whodunit” Opens the 2016-2017 Theatre Season

COLORADO SPRINGS (**September 1, 2016**) — The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center (FAC) is excited to produce the Rocky Mountain West premiere of *Shear Madness*, the longest-running non-musical play in America. Directed by Producing Artistic Director, Scott RC Levy, *Shear Madness* is in performance at the Fine Arts Center from Sept 22-Oct 16.

This hysterical, murder-mystery interactive farce makes its Colorado premiere after entertaining over 11 million people worldwide including over 38 years of performances in Boston and 28 years at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. *Shear Madness* has been voted “Best Comedy of the Year” eight times in Boston and “Best Play of the Year” in Chicago and Philadelphia.

The madness erupts at your not-so-typical Colorado Springs hair salon, when suddenly the old lady upstairs gets mysteriously murdered and everyone’s dying to know whodunit? Get ready to comb through the clues and question the suspects like a bona fide “Sherlock” Holmes. And the best part ... it’s different every time you see it!

The cast includes local favorites Nathan Halvorson (Associate Director of Performing Arts at the FAC), Birgitta DePree (Artistic Director at the Millibo Art Theatre), Rebecca Myers, Nate Ferrick, Michael Lee (PPAC Best Actor winner), and Denver-based Actor C. Clayton Blackwell.

### Dates to Remember:

Sept 21 | Pay-what-you-wish final dress rehearsal

Sept 22 | Thursday preview

Sept 23 | Opening night

Oct 1 | 5p performance and exclusive \$40 Under 40 package option

Oct 6 | Free guided backstage tour following the performance

Oct 16 | Free talkback session with the cast following the performance

### *Shear Madness*

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**When:** Sept 22-Oct 16, 2016 | Thurs, Fri, Sat at 7:30p and Sun at 2p

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

**Tickets:** Starting at \$20; Student rush tickets can be purchased one hour before the performance at the FAC front desk for \$15; High-School Student Matinees are also available

**Something else:** Special \$40 under 40 package offered Sat, Oct 1 only (see website for more details)

**Even more:** October is Arts Month! Each October, Colorado’s Pikes Peak region celebrates Arts Month to elevate the visibility and value of arts and culture in our community. The goal is to engage the community and encourage every individual to have at least one new cultural experience with friends and family this October. Check-out a full listing of FAC Arts Month events at

[www.csfineartscenter.org/events](http://www.csfineartscenter.org/events)

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, thus leading to what is now known as the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center (FAC). 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 the world of visual arts via its permanent collection and travelling exhibitions, in performing arts as a TCG and Actor's Equity member theatre company, and in arts education through 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 [www.csfineartscenter.org](http://www.csfineartscenter.org)

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