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Enjoy “Shrektacular” Family Theatre this Holiday Season

COLORADO SPRINGS (Oct. 26, 2016) — The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center Theatre Company presents *Shrek: The Musical* Dec 1, 2016-Jan 8, 2017. Nominated for nine Tony Awards, the most famous ogre of all time arrives for the holidays in this hilarious spectacle based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film and book by William Steig.

Shrek: The Musical follows an unlikely hero and his wisecracking, best friend Donkey on a journey of a lifetime to rescue a feisty, headstrong princess. The sidesplitting tale brings all of the beloved characters from the film to life on stage with all new jokes by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright David Lindsay-Abaire, and songs from Tony Award-winning composer Jeanine Tesori. Irreverent fun for the whole family, Shrek proves that beauty is truly in the eye of the ogre. Throw in a short tempered bad guy, a cookie with attitude and more than a dozen other fairytale misfits, and Shrek must learn to see the true hero within to succeed.

The 21-member ensemble of *Shrek* includes David Wiens (Shrek), Maggie Davenport (Fiona), Danny Wilfred (Donkey), Max Ferguson (Lord Farquaad), Alex Campbell (Dragon), Kevin Pierce (Pinochio), Rebecca Myers (Gingy), Ellie Levy, Ella McCaughley, Arielle Miagkov, Alannah Vaughn, Thomas Voss, Sammy Gleason, Tracy Hedding, Micah Spiers, Adam Blancas, Parker Fowler, Nate Ferrick, Casey Fetters, Carmen Shedd, and Micah Wilborn.

Directed and choreographed by Nathan Halvorson, with tap dance choreography by Zachary Guzman, the collaborative team also includes Christopher L. Sheley (Scenic Design), Holly Rawls (Lighting Design), Lex Liang (Costume Design), Jonathan Eberhardt (Prosthetic and Make-Up Design), and Jerry McCauley (Musical Director).

SHREK: THE MUSICAL

When: Dec 1-Jan 8; see website for specific show dates and times

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

Tickets: Start at \$20; Students can purchase rush tickets 1 hour before the performance at the FAC front desk for \$15 (subject to availability); convenient group sales options offered with special benefits and savings from 10-25% off single ticket prices.

More: *Shrek: The Musical* Day Camps offer kids 6-13 a fun, educational experience complete with a tour of the theatre and hands on interactions with the set, a dance class from a professional actor, a personal meet-and-greet with the cast members, and more!

Even more: *Winter Lights* at the FAC – a month of festive programming featuring a nostalgic *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* art exhibition, seasonal art classes, a gallery of artist decorated trees, *Shrek: The Musical*, and other special *Winter Lights* events. Marvel, laugh, unwind and build memories at the FAC this holiday season.

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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