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The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales ***Madcap Versions of Children's Favorite Tales***

COLORADO SPRINGS (Sept. 14, 2016) — The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center Theatre Company turns classic fairy tales inside out for the season's first Family Series production: *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales*. The one-hour show, with a host of crazy characters and silly songs, is directed by Meghann Henry (making her FAC debut) and runs Sept 30-Oct 30 in the FAC's beautiful Music Room.

Though the characters may be familiar, each of your favorite storybook fables is uproariously derailed in this musical adaptation of Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith's quintessential children's book of fractured fairy tales. Everything from *Chicken Little* to *The Gingerbread Man* gets a complete makeover. Fun music and witty narration accompany the likes of ineloquent giants, sassy barnyard animals, colossal cow pies and enough stinky cheese to go around.

The cast for *The Stinky Cheese Man* includes Adam Blancas, Will Edelson, Parker Fowler, Heidi Guzman, Brittany Merritt, Mallori Rouse and Jareth Spirio. The production team includes scenic design by Christopher L. Sheley, costume and puppet design by Janson Fangio and musical direction by Jerry McCauley II.

Author Jon Scieszka is the National Ambassador for Children's Literature emeritus and the bestselling author of more than 25 books for kids, including *Math Curse*, *Robot Zot!*, and the *Time Warp Trio* series. Lane Smith has written and illustrated numerous books, most recently *There Is A Tribe of Kids*. He is the author and illustrator of *Grandpa Green* which was a 2012 Caldecott Honor book and *It's a Book* which was on the *New York Times* bestseller list for over six months and has been translated into over 20 languages.

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When: Sept 30-Oct 30

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

Tickets: \$20 (\$18 members), \$10 Kids 12 and under

Something else: As a theatre patron you receive discounted admission to the museum on the day of your ticketed performance.

Even more: The cast meets and greets the audience after every performance. With copies of the book available for purchase, get it autographed by the whole company and take a photo that will be a lasting memory!

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 csfineartscenter.org/events

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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