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Hilarious Comedy Acts Hit the FAC Stage!

COLORADO SPRINGS (March 17, 2017) — The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center (FAC) is thrilled to bring Kathleen Madigan (May 4 at 7p) and the socio-political comedian W. Kamau Bell (May 10 at 7p) to the FAC mainstage.

Kathleen Madigan: Bothering Jesus Tour – May 4

Over Kathleen Madigan's 25-year career she has performed on nearly every late night show ever made. Leno, Letterman, Conan, Ferguson, *The Nightly Show with Larry Wilmore*, and on *Ron White's Salute To The Troops* on CMT, her fifth appearance on the annual show. Previously she's released 5 CDs and 3 DVDs and starred in 2 HBO specials, 3 Comedy Central specials and her previous one-hour special, *Gone Madigan*, premiered on Showtime and is available on Netflix.

An Evening with W. Kamau Bell – May 10

W. Kamau Bell is a comedian based in The People's Republic of Berkeley, CA. Kamau is the host of CNN's new travel show, *The United Shades of America*, which aired this past April. Kamau is best known for his critically acclaimed, but criminally short-lived FX comedy series, *Totally Biased with W. Kamau Bell*. Kamau is also proud to be the ACLU's Ambassador of Racial Justice. Although he's pretty upset that they didn't give him a badge along with the title. Kamau sits on the advisory board of race forward, a racial justice think tank, and Hollaback, a non-profit movement to end street harassment. Kamau's special, *Semi-Prominent Negro*, aired on Showtime this past April.

Kathleen Madigan Bothering Jesus Tour

When: May 4, 2017 | 7p

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

Tickets: Starting at \$36 for FAC Members; \$40 non-members

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

Tickets: Starting at \$27 for FAC members; \$30 non-members; \$58 for show tickets and the *Awkward thoughts of W. Kamau Bell* book

Something else: Join us for even more laughter at our Happy Hour Stand-Up comedy shows on April 7, June 2, July 7, and Aug 4 at 6p with different acts every show!

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 Association of Museums, the FAC offers the best in the world of 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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