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Experience *Winter Lights* at the FAC

COLORADO SPRINGS (November 8, 2016) — The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center (FAC) is pleased to announce over a month's worth of festive events sure to brighten the spirits of the young, the old, and everyone in-between. From a nostalgic holiday exhibition in the galleries, to a magical collection of artist-decorated trees, a sidesplitting theatre production, and seasonal art classes, we invite the community to celebrate the season with the FAC.

***Merry Grinchmas* Exhibition** Nov 19–Jan 8

In commemoration of the cartoon's 50th anniversary, the Fine Arts Center is proud to present an exhibition of one of the most significant collections of original hand-drawn Grinch animation cels and related artworks in America, on loan from private collectors Bill Heeter and Kristi Correa.

***Shrek: The Musical* Live On Stage** Dec 1–Jan 8

Nominated for 9 Tony Awards! The most famous ogre of all time arrives for the holidays in this hilarious spectacle based on the Oscar-winning smash hit film. *Shrek: The Musical* follows this beloved, unlikely hero and his wisecracking best friend Donkey on a journey of a lifetime to rescue a feisty, headstrong princess. 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.

Bemis School of Art 17th Annual Art Sale Dec 2–4

Featuring works from the Fine Arts Center's Bemis School of Art faculty. Pottery, jewelry, paintings, handmade cards, prints, textiles and more! Plus, don't miss Colorado College's annual Arts & Crafts Fair happening at the same time right across the street at the Worner Campus Center.

***Winter Lights* Opening Celebration** Dec 3, 5–7p

An evening of special entertainment to kick-off *Winter Lights*! Experience a magical collection of artist decorated trees. View the significant collection of hand-drawn Grinch animation cels and related artworks, delight in holiday goodies, enjoy live entertainment by Ormao Dance Company, the Colorado Springs Children's Chorale, the Colorado Springs Conservatory, and the Celtic Steps School of Irish Dance, and more! This event is FREE and open to the public.

***Winter Lights* ICE** Dec 17, 10a–2p

See the incredible award-winning work of Cool Hand Ice Carving live in the FAC courtyard – sculptures, demonstrations and an interactive ICE experience. Cool Hand Ice Carving most notably placed 1st in the 2014 World Champion in Fairbanks, Alaska, and placed 2nd in the 2015 World Champion in Fairbanks, Alaska. Then, move inside to warm up with special entertainment by Ormao Dance Company, the Colorado Springs Children's Chorale, the Colorado Springs Conservatory, and the Celtic Steps School of Dance, holiday goodies and hands-on crafts. This special experience is included with museum admission and FREE for FAC members and children 12 and under.

Bemis School of Art Classes

The FAC's Bemis School of Art is kicking off the Winter/Spring session with over a hundred classes in a wide range of mediums for all ages and skill levels, including seasonal offerings such as painting Holiday

Greeting Cards.

For a full calendar of events and programming visit csfineartscenter.org/winter-lights

Museum Admission: \$15 (free for members and kids 12 and under)

Hours: Open Daily 10a-5p, Fridays and Theatre Nights 10a-7:30p (*Closed Christmas Day*)

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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