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The Fine Arts Center Kicks off the North American Tour of *PIE* by Theater Grottesco

Colorado Springs (Aug. 6, 2018) — The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College is excited to present *PIE* by Theater Grottesco, one weekend only, Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2018.

PIE is a layman's exploration of what happens when you don't know what to do next, inspired by the Carl Sagan quote, "If you want to make an apple pie from scratch, you must first invent the universe." Santa Fe-based Theater Grottesco's take on this is a deeply relevant and moving journey across the universe, down the Grand Canyon, and into a world of questions about societal pressures, identity, hopelessness, greed, and the toxic muddy trickle at the end of a once raging river. Grottesco uses its broad stylistic palette to create surprise and wonder as it holds up a mirror to the current state of the planet and its people, while sneaking up on life's great questions.

"The performance defies description ... superb in its execution and imagination ..." —Talkin' Broadway

In 2017, Theater Grottesco's *PIE* was one of six recipients of the prestigious National Theatre Project award from the New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA), with major funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Theater Grottesco was founded in 1983 in Paris, France by John Flax and Didier Maucort, former members of Minneapolis' Theatre de la Jeune Lune and graduates of France's Ecole Jacques Lecoq. Joined shortly thereafter by Elizabeth Wiseman, another Lecoq graduate, the company has evolved to 15 artists comprising a tremendous range of theatrical expertise.

Together, they have created 13 full-length plays, over 30 shorter pieces, performed in seven countries, 30 states, most major U.S. cities, and hundreds of smaller communities, garnering an international award for Best Production, two Drama Critic's awards, a silver medal with Detroit's Zone V Productions from the Houston Worldfest Film Festival, a Rockefeller MAP Fund Grant, 11 National Endowment for the Arts Professional Theater Awards, and one of two MetLife/TCG A-ha Do It grants in the programs inaugural season.

***PIE* by Theater Grottesco**

When: Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2018 | Thurs, Fri, Sat at 7:30 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m.

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

Tickets: \$30 (\$27 FAC members)

Something else: First-time FAC theatre subscribers receive 1 FREE ticket per subscriber and renewing subscribers receive unlimited \$10 tickets!

More: Dine at Taste before the show! Reservations: (719) 634-5583

Even more: *PIE* is a participating program in the “Forever Yours, The Land”™ exhibit, a city-wide project of Palmer Land Trust. Learn more about our region’s conservation efforts at www.celebrateland.org.

Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College

The story of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College (FAC) begins with the founding of the Broadmoor Art Academy by Julie and Spencer Penrose in 1919. During the Great Depression, three dedicated philanthropists – Julie Penrose, Alice Bemis Taylor, and Elizabeth Sage Hare – envisioned expanding the Broadmoor Art Academy into an entire arts district under one roof. The FAC changed its name, built a grand building, and opened as the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center in 1936. In August 2016, the FAC announced an historic alliance with Colorado College and on July 1, 2017, became the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College. The FAC is deeply rooted in the legacy of its founders, who possessed bold visions, a deep passion for the arts, and dedication to the Colorado Springs community. The FAC honors this legacy and spirit today by providing innovative, educational, and multidisciplinary arts experiences designed to elevate the individual spirit and inspire community vitality, building on its history as a unique cultural pillar of the Pikes Peak region. For more information, visit www.coloradocollege.edu/fac

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