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A Cast of 18 *Revolting Children* Hits the FAC Mainstage in the Regional Premiere of *Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical* this Holiday Season

Colorado Springs (Nov. 8 2018) – The Fine Arts Center Theatre Company is excited to present the regional premiere of *Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical*, directed by Mélisa Annis, making her FAC debut, Dec. 6, 2018-Jan. 6, 2019.

The five-time Tony Award-winning *Matilda The Musical*, inspired by the twisted genius of Roald Dahl, revels in the anarchy of childhood, the power of imagination, and the inspiring story of a girl who dreams of a better life. Full of catchy songs and exciting dance numbers, *Matilda* will captivate audiences with the story of a courageous little girl who has an extraordinary personality.

Above all it's an exhilarating tale of empowerment, as told from the perspective of the most powerless group of all ... little children. –*The New York Times*

Matilda is a little girl with astonishing wit, intelligence, and psychokinetic powers. She's unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her schoolteacher, the highly loveable Miss Honey. Over the course of her first term at school, Matilda and Miss Honey have a profound effect on each other's lives. Matilda's school life isn't completely smooth sailing, however – the school's mean headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, hates children and just loves thinking up new punishments for those who don't abide by her rules. But Matilda has courage and cleverness in equal amounts, and could be the school pupils' saving grace!

The 32-member cast is composed almost entirely of Colorado talent and includes three astounding young women who will share the role of Matilda: Kyra Archuleta, Haley Ballard, and Emily Franks. The rest of the children will be played by: Atticus Baker, Kady Ballard, Natalie Beaumont, Joseph Brock, Bridget Brown, Courtney Comer, Lena Dill, Weller Dorff, Gabe Levy, Hunter Roren, Nathan Rytting, Brooklyn Starkey, Peter Seuffert, Kensington Van Hook, and Chloe Wilson. The adult cast includes: Amy Brooks, Parker Fowler, Nathan Halvorson (FAC Associate Director of Performing Arts), Tracy Nicole Taylor, Nels Jacobson, Jessye King, Scott RC Levy (FAC Producing Artistic Director), Meggan O'Mahony, Abby Noble, Kevin Pierce, Carmen Shedd, Micah Speirs, Mark Snyder, and Lauren Weinberg.

The creative team introduces guest choreographer Melissa Zarembo, alongside award-winning FAC design team members Christopher L. Sheley (scenic design) and Holly Anne Rawls (lighting design) with costumes by New York-based designer Sydney Gallas. The production features a 10-member live orchestra, under the musical direction of Jay Hahn.

Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical

When: Dec. 6, 2018-Jan. 6, 2019 | dates and time vary, see website for details

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

Tickets: Starting at \$20

Something else: *Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical* Day Camps offer kids 6-13 a fun, educational adventure complete with a tour of the theatre, hands-on experiences with the set, learning a dance number from the show, a personal meet-and-greet with the cast members, and more! Register, view dates, times, pricing, etc. online.

Special event: Skate in the Park with Matilda on Dec. 21 from 4-6 p.m. at Acacia Park. For more information, visit <https://downtowncs.com/event/skate-in-the-park/>.

Special offer: Students can purchase rush tickets 1 hour before the performance at the FAC front desk for \$15 (Colorado College students receive FREE rush tickets). Tickets subject to availability; must purchase in person; CC students must present a CC Gold Card.

Special offer: Theatre patrons receive FREE admission to the FAC museum on the day of their ticketed performance.

Plus: Pre-theatre dining options are available; view menus online; reservations: (719) 624-5583

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. For nearly 100 years, 30 West Dale Street has been the hub of rich cultural history throughout the region. The Broadmoor Art Academy served as a pillar in the cultural community of the Rocky Mountain West. 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 – ultimately evolving into what is known today as 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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