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# Fine Arts Center

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## **The third annual FAC Theatre School benefit concert celebrates life with *A New Brain***

*Colorado Springs (December 19, 2018)* — The Fine Arts Center Theatre Company is excited to present *A New Brain*, a benefit concert for the FAC Theatre School, Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019, directed by Nathan Halvorson.

This autobiographical musical, by the award-winning authors of *Falsettos*, deals directly with the composer William Finn's own harrowing personal experience with a rare brain aneurysm and the healing power of art. The hero, Gordon, worries that he may not live to complete his work, and his near death experience encourages him to re-evaluate and better appreciate the people and relationships in his life.

The cast and crew is comprised of alumni and current students of the FAC's Youth Repertory Ensemble including Rachel Daguman, Will Edelson, Arielle Miagkov and Josh Owen, along with faculty members of the FAC Theatre School including Zach Guzman, Sally Hybl, Jen Lennon, Scott RC Levy, Rebecca Myers, and Kevin Pierce with music direction by Stephanie McGuffin, lighting designed by Holly Anne Rawls, and stage management by Terri Harrison.

Proceeds from this benefit performance will help further the impact of the FAC's Youth Repertory program and other FAC Theatre School classes which provide comprehensive, focused and professional theatrical training for young thespians and adult actors. The FAC is proud to be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Youth Repertory program and 100 years of theatre education at the FAC.

*A New Brain* is opening in conjunction with the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Broadmoor Art Academy (BAA), a national magnet for arts and culture in the early 1900s. At its' inception, the BAA, which evolved into the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center in 1936, energized the region and created a modern movement to elevate artistic expression for residents and visitors to the Pikes Peak Region. A century after the founding, the FAC celebrates the ingenuity of the artists and patrons who helped to shape the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College into the museum, performing arts theatre, and community art school it is today, and how the BAA's visionary roots are setting the stage for the next generation of arts and cultural enthusiasts. For more information on the 100th Anniversary, exhibits, and events, visit [www.csfineartscenter.org/100-years](http://www.csfineartscenter.org/100-years)

*A New Brain* is generously sponsored by UHealth.

### **A New Brain: A Benefit Concert**

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**When:** Saturday, Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m.

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

**Tickets:** \$50 applause supporter, \$40 adults, \$20 students (with ID)

**Something else:** Dr. Chamisa MacIndoe, UCHHealth neurointensivist, will participate in a talkback with the cast and creative team immediately following the performance.

**More:** FAC Theatre School classes for ages five to adult start Jan. 17 and run through Aug. 3. Visit the website for details.

**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](http://www.coloradocollege.edu/fac)

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