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'THIS AMERICAN LIFE' HOST IRA GLASS *The 'best radio host in America' is coming to Colorado Springs*

COLORADO SPRINGS (March 11, 2008) – The Fine Arts Center and KRCC are proud to bring Ira Glass, host and producer of the public radio program, *This American Life*, to Colorado Springs for a Masterpiece Series Lecture on Saturday, June 14, at Armstrong Hall on the campus of Colorado College at 8 p.m.

Tickets are available through KRCC by calling 719.473.4801. Fine Arts Center and KRCC members will be given first priority for tickets to the lecture.

"We are excited to be co-presenting this event with KRCC," said Shawn Raintree, FAC Interim President and CEO. "The Fine Arts Center is always looking for opportunities to forge partnerships in the community on behalf of our members and we can't think of a better opportunity than working with KRCC to bring in the highly entertaining, Ira Glass."

"We're very pleased to bring Ira Glass to Colorado Springs, and to the members of KRCC and the Fine Arts Center," said Jeff Bieri, KRCC Program Director. "Ira Glass's "This American Life" has been a longtime favorite of KRCC listeners, consistently ranking in the top five shows aired on KRCC.

Glass is now heard on more than 500 public radio stations each week by over 1.7 million listeners. Most weeks, the podcast of the program is the most popular podcast in America.

Under Glass' editorial direction, *This American Life* has won the highest honors for broadcasting and journalistic excellence, including the Peabody and Edward R. Murrow awards. The American Journalism Review declared that the show is "at the vanguard of a journalistic revolution." In 2001, Time magazine named Glass "Best Radio Host in America ."

In 2007, Riverhead Books published *The New Kings of Non-Fiction*, a collection of narrative nonfiction essays chosen by Ira Glass. A feature film, *Unaccompanied Minors*, based on a story from the radio show was released by Warner Brothers in December 2006. The show has put out its own comic book, three greatest hits

compilations, a paint-by-numbers set, a "radio decoder" toy, and a DVD, which was created with cartoonist Chris Ware.

In March 2007, the television adaptation of *This American Life* premiered on Showtime to great critical acclaim and was nominated for three Emmy awards. While producing the series for the cable network, Glass and his staff continue to create original radio shows.

"Mr. Glass is a journalist but also a storyteller who filters his interviews and impressions through a distinctive literary imagination, an eccentric intelligence, and a sympathetic heart."

— *The New York Times*



This American Life can be heard on KRCC 91.5:

- Saturday at noon
- Sunday at 4 p.m.
- Thursdays at 10 p.m. on HD2

To purchase tickets, call KRCC at 719.473.4801:

- \$25 FAC and KRCC members
- \$35 non-members
- \$35 day of show

ABOUT THE FINE ARTS CENTER

Founded in 1936, the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center is a privately funded, non-profit art museum, performing arts theatre, and arts education center. A two-story, 48,000 square-foot expansion was unveiled in August 2007 which complements the original 1936 John Gaw Meem building, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Visit csfineartscenter.org.

ABOUT KRCC

'Radio Colorado College' KRCC is a member-supported community service of the Colorado College and operated by the college as an extension of its activities in higher education and public service. Colorado College charges KRCC to offer programming which reflects, to its campus and community audiences, the college's commitment to the liberal arts and concern for a diversity of ideas and people. KRCC offers local and regional news and music programming as well as a full slate of National Public Radio programs to all of Southern Colorado and a tiny bit of northern New Mexico. Visit krcc.org.