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FAC appoints Interim CEO Colorado Springs executive Shawn Raintree will lead Fine Arts Center

COLORADO SPRINGS (Sept. 27, 2007) – The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center announces the appointment of Shawn Raintree as the Interim Chief Executive Officer today.

Raintree replaces FAC Board member Jon Stepleton, who served as Acting CEO since Aug. 27. Michael De Marsche resigned as CEO on Aug. 9 ending his four-year tenure.

Raintree is an experienced health care industry executive. In 1997, he founded the Colorado Springs operation of Kaiser Permanente as Executive Director and led that organization for 10 years.

"We are very pleased to find someone of Shawn's caliber and experience to lead the Fine Arts Center to continue and grow the momentum from our recent renovation and expansion," said Carol Kleiner, FAC Board of Trustees Chair. "This appointment completes the second step of a three-step process."

Raintree will assume his duties immediately as the FAC determines the next steps in the search process for a full-time President/CEO.

"Shawn built Kaiser in Colorado Springs into one of the major health organizations in Southern Colorado," said Kathy Loo, a FAC Honorary Trustee. "He has a real passion about the arts and this community. He shares our vision of what the FAC is and what it can be."

"I have two main priorities," said Raintree. "First, to support our excellent FAC staff in operations and programming; and second, to provide leadership continuity for the Board of Trustees."

SHAWN RAINTREE BIO

Raintree is a 1970 graduate of the Air Force Academy and holds a Master of Science degree in Health Administration from the University of Colorado. In 2004, Raintree was Chairman of the Goodwill Board of Directors and is currently a member of its Foundation Board. He is also a Board member of the YMCA of the Pikes Peak Region and served in board leadership positions at the Chamber of Commerce and the Colorado Springs Symphony. He has led both for-profit and not-for-profit health care-related organizations at regional and national levels. Shawn, Jes and their family live in Monument.