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## Press Release

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### **Artful Lodging Packages FAC teams with area hotels, resorts to court cultural tourists**

**COLORADO SPRINGS** (Oct. 19, 2007) – The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center (FAC) has partnered with The Broadmoor, Antlers Hilton, The Cliff House, Two Sisters Inn, Colorado Springs Marriott and Embassy Suites to offer lodging packages to cultural tourists and local arts and culture patrons.

In August, the FAC held our Extremely Grand Opening celebrating a \$28.4 million, 48,000-square-foot renovation and expansion. Now the FAC eagerly anticipates our first holiday season in our new surroundings. Plus, the FAC Theatre Company is launching a new holiday tradition, a musical version of **“A Christmas Carol”** (Nov. 30-Dec. 23); a new special exhibition debuts, **“Impressionist and Modern Masters from the New Orleans Museum of Art”** (Dec. 8-March 9); three distinct Museum Shops and Café 36, guided by Garden of the Gods Gourmet, make the FAC the place to be for cultural tourists and local groups and individuals this holiday season.

#### **Thanksgiving Family Getaway at The Broadmoor**

**The Broadmoor**, Colorado Springs’ perennial five-diamond resort, offers a very special Thanksgiving package (Nov. 18-28) where Santa and Mrs. Claus pay an early visit to our guests on Saturday, Nov. 24th, in a 21-year tradition called The White Lights Ceremony. More than 250,000 strands of lights brighten the night-time sky, signaling the official start of The Broadmoor’s holiday season. Optional activities that should not be missed are our Thanksgiving Day Brunch on Nov. 22, Breakfast with Santa on Nov. 24 and family activities surrounding the White Lights Ceremony. There is a 10 percent admission discount to the FAC among other discounts. Package prices starting at \$92 per person, based on double occupancy. Limited availability. Not applicable to groups. Contact hotel reservations at 719.577.5775 or visit [www.Broadmoor.com](http://www.Broadmoor.com).

#### **The Art of Romance at The Cliff House**

Through 2007, **The Cliff House** offers a romantic package for two, complete with wine, handmade tuxedo strawberries, and a memento from the FAC. This “Historic Hotel of America,” The Cliff House has operated since the 1800s when it served as a stop for hunters, trappers and gold miners. Seventeen celebrity-themed suites are named after some of the famous guests that have rested their heads here over the last 130 years, including Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, the teepee-style Wild West Bill Cody Suite and the Old Hollywood glamour of the Clark Gable Suite. Normal rates are 20 to 30 percent less with this package. For more information, and to make reservations, call 1-888-212-7000 or go online at [www.thecliffhouse.com](http://www.thecliffhouse.com).

### **Double Your Love of the Arts at Two Sisters Inn**

From the Holidays, **Two Sisters Inn**, a bed and breakfast nestled at the base of Pikes Peak, offers three art-themed lodging packages. Built in 1919 by two sisters as a boarding house, the Inn welcomes guests with homemade treats and fresh lemonade made with sparkling water from the nearby natural spring. For more information and to make reservations, call: 1-800-2-SIS-INN or visit the Web site at [www.twosisinn.com](http://www.twosisinn.com).

#### **Package 1: Aug. 4 – Oct. 28**

Rates start at \$370 (tax included, based on double occupancy) and include: two nights, breakfast, a \$40 certificate for lunch at FAC's dining hot-spot Café 36, museum admission and two tickets to the first traveling exhibit- *The Eclectic Eye: Pop and Illusion*.

#### **Package 2: Oct. 12 - 28**

Rates start at \$420 (tax included, based on double occupancy) and include: two nights and breakfast, and a pair of tickets to the FAC Theatre Company's rendition of Neil Simon's *Brighton Beach Memoirs*.

#### **Package 3: Fridays, Saturdays through Dec. 2007**

Starting at \$325 (tax included, based on double occupancy), this packages take patrons downtown to the FAC MODERN and includes, two night and breakfast, museum admission for two and \$20 in FAC Bucks for use at the FAC MODERN Museum Shop.

### **Location, Location, Location!**

Stay at the historic **Antlers Hilton** – just six blocks from the Fine Arts Center's front door – and enjoy panoramic views of Pikes Peak and entire Front Range or try a room with a sparkling view of downtown Colorado Springs. With the Fine Arts Center package at the Antlers Hilton, travelers or locals can enjoy a discounted admission to the special traveling exhibition at the FAC as well as a glass of wine for two served in either the Antlers Grille or the Lobby Bar. The rate is \$129 for a single or double occupancy. For more information, call 719.955.5600 & visit the hotel's website at [www.antlerscoloradosprings.hilton.com](http://www.antlerscoloradosprings.hilton.com).

### **The Fine Art of a Good Night's Sleep**

Through Dec. 31, the **Embassy Suites** is offering rates of \$109 for a king suite and \$119 for the two Queen-bed suite. The package comes complete with all of the Embassy Suite amenities including microwave and refrigerator, and complimentary business center. For more information and to make reservations, call 1-800-EMBASSY and ask for the "Fine Arts Center" rate.

### **Make a Good Impression Package**

In partnership with the Fine Arts Center, the Colorado Springs Marriott Hotel, a local luxury hotel nestled in the foothills of Pikes Peak, is offering discounted weekend guest room accommodations for \$89 per night for the first two traveling exhibitions at the newly expanded FAC: *The Eclectic Eye: Pop and Illusion* and *Impressionist and Modern Masters*. For more information about the hotel or to book this special package, call (719) 260-1800 or visit <http://marriott.com/hotels/travel/cosmc-colorado-springs-marriott/>.

### **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. The two-story, 48,000 square-foot expansion unveiled in August 2007 was conceived and designed by award-winning architect and Colorado Springs native David Owen Tryba to complement the original 1936 John Gaw Meem building, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Visit [www.csfineartscenter.org](http://www.csfineartscenter.org).