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The West Wing – Fit for a President

Renovations at the Fine Arts Center Continue on Pace

Colorado Springs, CO (November 20, 2006)... In the next step forward in its \$28.4 million renovation and expansion project, the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center announces the completion of the West Wing of its main facility located at 30 West Dale Street in downtown Colorado Springs. The West Wing is comprised of the El Pomar Corridor event space, Deco Lounge, the Theatre Lounge Restaurant, Box Office, new restrooms, new Bemis School of Art studios, the SaGāJi Theatre and rehearsal studio.

To celebrate this milestone, a special 1st Thursday Holiday Party is slated for Thursday, December 7 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center Main at 30 West Dale Street. The event will feature live music, hors d'oeuvres and a sampling of champagnes selected and poured by Coaltrain Wine and Spirits. Admission is \$10 for FAC members and \$14 for non-members. We gratefully acknowledge JP Morgan Chase and Johannes Hunter Jewelers for sponsoring 1st Thursdays.

"The opening of the West Wing marks a significant milestone in the renovation and expansion underway at the Fine Arts Center," comments Dr. Michael De Marsche, the organization's President and CEO. "GE Johnson Construction Company, with plans from architect David Owen Tryba, is constructing a facility that will be consistent with the beauty and prestige of the original John Gaw Meem building, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and considered by many as one of the ten most significant buildings in Colorado."

The entire renovated and expanded Fine Arts Center, located at 30 West Dale Street, will open to the public in August 2007 and will offer permanent and traveling art exhibition galleries, live theatre and performing arts events, educational opportunities and social amenities and activities.

For more information on the Renaissance Campaign and images of the construction, visit our website at www.csfineartscenter.org.

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