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## Press Release

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## A Vintage Event: 16th Annual Wine Festival of Colorado Springs

Colorado Springs, CO (December 6, 2006)...The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center is proud to continue the legacy of the area's signature wine event. The *16<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Festival of Colorado Springs* will be held on March 9 & 10, 2007 and all proceeds will benefit the Fine Arts Center.

The wine festival kicks off on Friday evening March 9, 2007 with a **Blind Tasting Seminar** at The Broadmoor Hotel beginning at 5:30 p.m. Conducted by Master Sommelier Greg Harrington, owner and winemaker of Gramercy Cellars in Walla Walla, Washington, this seminar returns by popular demand to reveal the fundamental secrets of how to identify wines. Harrington's session is the perfect warm-up for the **Grand Tasting & Wine Market Auction**, which follows at the hotel at 7 p.m. This event will feature over 300 wines plus culinary delights from many of the area's finest restaurants and caterers, a silent wine market auction, live music, and dancing. Pinot Noirs from around the world will be featured throughout the weekend-long festival.

Vintners from around the world will be on hand to showcase their wines as the festival continues on Saturday, March 10th. First, participants can educate their palates during the **Winemaker Seminar** conducted at the scenic Garden of the Gods Club at 10:30 a.m. In a relaxed atmosphere, attendees will learn about the complexities of winemaking from these prestigious vintners. Next, a festival favorite returns to the Paragon Culinary School at 12:30 p.m. with the **Classic Food & Wine Pairing Seminar**, conducted by the Vintners and Chef Victor Matthews. Wine enthusiasts will learn to pair exquisite food with the perfect wine at this gourmet luncheon. We encourage everyone to make reservations now for this sell-out experience.

The **Gourmet Winemaker Dinner and Live Auction** will be held at the Garden of the Gods Club on Saturday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. This spectacular evening begins with a five-course dinner; each course paired with elegant wines from our distinguished guest vintners. The *Festival* concludes with the region's premier live auction of rare and one-of-a-kind collectible wine and wine-related lifestyle packages. Fine art and fine wine combine to make this a night to remember.

For reservations and information, please call the Fine Arts Center Box Office at 719.634.5583 or visit [www.csfineartscenter.org](http://www.csfineartscenter.org).

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## **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Festival – March 9 - 10, 2007**

### **Events and Locations:**

#### **Blind Tasting Seminar with Master Sommelier Greg Harrington**

Friday, March 9 • 5:30 p.m. • The Broadmoor • \$30

#### **Grand Tasting & Wine Market Auction**

Friday, March 9 • 7:00 p.m. • The Broadmoor • \$60 FAC members, \$65 non-members

#### **Winemaker Seminar**

Saturday, March 10 • 10:30 a.m. • Garden of the Gods Club • \$30

#### **Classic Food & Wine Pairing Seminar with Chef Victor Mathews**

Saturday, March 10 • 12:30 p.m. • Paragon Culinary School • \$50

#### **Gourmet Winemaker Dinner & Live Auction**

Saturday, March 10 • 6:30 p.m. • Garden of the Gods Club • \$150 FAC members, \$175 non-members

### **About the Fine Arts Center**

Founded in 1936, the Fine Arts Center is a privately funded, non-profit art museum, performing arts theatre, and arts education center. It is a place to learn about, appreciate and practice the arts. The Fine Arts Center is an accredited member of the American Association of Museums (one of the first 16 so accredited) and the building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. To learn more, visit [www.csfineartscenter.org](http://www.csfineartscenter.org).