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## Beach party, anyone?

### Festival Fridays premieres new theme nights at the Arts Center

(PUEBLO, Colo – December 19, 2012) Four nights, four bands and four hot party themes all add up to great entertainment just in time to stave off winter's chill. It's time for Winter Festival Fridays, and they're hotter than ever!

Festival Fridays features live music and dancing for four weekends in a row, beginning January 13, 2012. This year, the music gets amplified by special theme nights designed to appeal to a variety of party-goers.

"Our new themes will transform Festival Fridays into four night club experiences that will spice up the lineup," says Arts Center Marketing Manager Nicki Hart. "Each promises a unique experience, while all of them are great opportunities to dance and hear a variety of great music."

Neon Friday Night with DJ Emir on January 13 gives a glowing start to the series, featuring top 40 hits, rock classics and neon body paint. Follow this up with a solid dose of soul-satisfying funk when Suga Bear & the Showtime Band takes the stage on January 20 for Motown Vibes Night. Noche de Musica with Bad Habitz on January 27 adds Latin flavor, rhythm and grooves to the series, while The Martini Shot closes the series with a Beach Party Night on February 3.

Winter Festival Fridays takes place in the Jackson Conference Center at the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center. Come early for happy hour specials from 6-7 p.m., including 2-for-1 beer, well drinks and wine. Bands play from 7-10 p.m. Ortiz Catering provides food for purchase.

Tickets for Festival Fridays are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door, and can be purchased at the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center box office or by calling 719-295-7222. Festival Fridays are sponsored by the Pueblo Chieftain, News First 5 and KPHT 95.5. All proceeds benefit arts education programs at the Arts Center.

#### **About the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center**

The cultural hub of Southern Colorado, the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center gives visitors the tools to think and act creatively through a three building complex including seven galleries offering the best in historic and contemporary art by artists of local, regional and national renown. In addition the Arts Center offers the Buell Children's Museum, recognized as the second-best for art by Child magazine, a 500-seat theater featuring a variety of performing arts programs, both local and national, and two gift shops. Over 100 fine arts, dance and leisure classes are available every quarter providing something unique to everyone from children to adults of all skill levels.

Admission to the Arts Center is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children and military. Admission includes the Buell Children's Museum. Members of the Arts Center receive free admission. Galleries and Buell Children's Museum are open Tuesday-Saturday 11a.m.-4p.m.; closed Mondays. Box office open Monday-Friday, 9a.m.-5p.m. and Saturday, 9a.m.-4p.m. For more information, please call 719-295-7200; stop by the Arts Center located at 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., just off of I-25, exit 98b, or visit online at [www.sangredecristoarts.org](http://www.sangredecristoarts.org).

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