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Honoring the Military with Blue Star Museum Program Free Admission to Military Personnel and Their Families This Summer

(Pueblo, Colo.-May 7, 2019) The Sangre de Cristo Arts Center and Buell Children's Museum announce they will join museums nationwide in participating in the tenth summer of Blue Star Museums, a program which provides free admission to our nation's active-duty military personnel and their families this summer. The 2019 program will begin earlier than in past years, launching on Saturday, May 18, 2019, Armed Forces Day, and ending on Monday, September 2, 2019, Labor Day. Military can find the list of participating museums at arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

Blue Star Museums is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in collaboration with Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 2,000 museums nationwide. First Lady of the United States Melania Trump and Second Lady of the United States Karen Pence are honorary co-chairs of Blue Star Museums 2019.

"The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to celebrate the tenth summer of collaborating with Blue Star Families, Department of Defense, and especially the more than 2,000 museums across our nation that make this program possible," said Mary Anne Carter, acting chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts. "Organizations such as the Arts Center and Children's Museum are providing wonderful opportunities for military families to share a memorable experience together this summer."

Showing at the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center galleries this summer: *LUSTER: Realism & Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile & Motorcycle Painting*; *Amy Winter: The Heart of Our Nature*; *Dabney T. Collins: A Lifetime Passion*; *All Aboard! The Art and Craft of Model Railroading*; *Models and Miniatures: A Collection from the Forney Museum of Transportation*; *The Timme Collection: Motorcycles & Ephemera from the Forney Museum of Transportation*. Showing at the Buell Children's Museum this summer: *Zoom! Things that Go!*

Visit sdc-arts.org for full information and special activities.

Arts Center hours Labor Day through Memorial Day are as follows:

Helen T. White Galleries: Wed-Sat 11AM-4PM, Sun 12-4PM
Buell Children's Museum: Tues-Sat 11AM-4PM, Sun 12-4PM

Arts Center hours Memorial Day through Labor Day are as follows:

Mon-Sat 10AM-5PM, Sun 12-4PM

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. 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 quarterly providing unique offerings to everyone from children to adults of all skill levels. Admission to the Arts Center is \$8 for adults, \$6 for children, seniors 65+, and military. 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.sdc-arts.org.

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