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First Things First - Pay the Rent

September 4 Features Free Admission to Children's Museum and Arts Center

(Pueblo, Colo.-August 25, 2019) Celebrate the Private-Public partnership which allows for Pueblo to have such a great Arts Center! Did you know that the Arts Center Campus is owned by Pueblo County? The Sangre de Cristo Arts Center works under a lease & operating agreement. Each year, the Arts Center must pay Pueblo County rent of \$10! To honor the partnership, Pueblo County has partnered with the Arts Center to provide free admission to the Buell Children's Museum and Helen T. White Galleries all day! Timed tickets are still required to guarantee a space, and can be acquired for free at sd-arts.org by pressing the "I have a pass button". Guests will also enjoy prize giveaways throughout the day - including face masks (while supplies last).

The museums open at 10 am with the galleries remaining open until 7 pm for First Friday Art Walk. The Buell Children's Museum closes at 3 pm. Activities for the day include an outdoor check presentation to Commissioner Ortiz at 11:30 am to be followed by an outdoor performance by students of the Sangre de Cristo School of Dance in the Jackson Sculpture Garden. From 5 to 7 PM is the regular First Friday Art Walk will all galleries open and light refreshments served.

On display in the Helen T. White Galleries is the fantastic exhibit called "Inspiration: Dale Chihuly, James Mongrain and Vintage Venetian Glass from the George R. Stroemple Collection." Also on display are "Glass Art from Around the Region;" "A Spirit of Tradition" with Santos from the Bishop Arthur Tafoya Collection; "Difficult History: Owning the Western Myth" from the King Collection of Western Art; "Meditations on Truth and Beauty" with works by Trinidad, CO artist Fumio Sawa; and "Line + Shape + Color + Noise;" a new exhibition by Colorado Springs artist Sean O'Meallie.

While admission is free all day, timed tickets are still required for entry to any building. Tickets are available at sd-arts.org. Temperature checks and masks are mandatory.

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 \$10 for adults, \$8 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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