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Rawlings Foundation Funds New Learning Center

Emphasis to be on Music Education Programs

(Pueblo, Colo.-April 17, 2019) The Sangre de Cristo Arts Center and Buell Children’s Museum are pleased to announce that the Robert H. Rawlings Foundation has awarded \$200,000 for the build out of the lower level of the Buell Children’s Museum for use as a Learning Center. This project breaks ground Fall 2019 with an anticipated completion date in the Summer 2020.

The project will create more programming space for the primary use of music classes, but with the capability to host an array of activities. With this renovation, the Arts Center can increase the capacity of its Friday Arts Academy program as well as create a new rental space. The Learning Center will hold up to 30 students per class period. The build will also provide much needed room for storage of instruments. Last year, the Arts Center hosted over 11,700 participants in education classes. “The Arts Center is grateful for this opportunity which will further its mission through the creation of a music and learning center,” says CEO Jim Richerson.

Design work is being carried out by HGF Architects of Pueblo, who have been the Arts Center’s architects since the center was created in 1972.

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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