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Sangre de Cristo Arts Center Executive Director to Retire *Committee prepares for transition and replacement*

(PUEBLO, Colo.) Executive Director of the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center, Maggie Divelbiss, has announced her retirement effective December 31, 2010. Divelbiss has served as the Arts Center's Executive Director for 21 years and was involved with its development from the beginning 38 years ago.

The Arts Center Board of Trustees approved a search and transition committee comprised of 17 community, staff, past board officers and artists who will meet throughout the summer to finalize the selection process. Mark Kennedy will chair the committee with Henry Gonzales as the facilitator. Kennedy is Branch Manager and Senior Vice President of Investments at Stifel Nicolaus and past board chair of the Arts Center Board of Trustees. Gonzales is a Pueblo native and Executive Director of Human Resources for Fountain Fort Carson School District #8. He has assisted in searches for a number of high-level positions in Colorado.

A transition timeline will guide committee members through the selection of a new Executive Director.

Transition Timeline

April 28: Board of Trustees officially approves transition committee formulation, role, and budget

May 5: Meet with staff to discuss process and timeline

May 10-May 30: Transition committee holds meetings to develop job profile and search plan

June 1: Launch search and post job announcement

July 15: Application deadline

July 16-July 31: Resume reviews

August 1-August 14: Candidate interviews

August 15: Candidate selection

August 25: Board of Trustees approval and appointment

October 15-March 31, 2011: Transition support

November 1: Start date of new Executive Director

The Arts Center Board of Trustees will make the final candidate(s) selection and appointment.

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. 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.

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