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Sangre de Cristo Arts Center Celebrates Rock'n 38th Anniversary

(PUEBLO, Colo.) It's sure to be a rock'n evening when the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center celebrates its 38th Anniversary Gala on Friday, June 4 with a gourmet dinner, live and silent auctions and dancing. Special thanks to the Mahlon Thatcher White Foundation for their enduring sponsorship of the gala and summer exhibitions at the Arts Center.

Cruise over in your finest duds (black-tie optional) at 6 p.m. and enjoy souped-up drinks while exploring the Rock 'N' Rods exhibitions in the Helen T. White Galleries. Classic car gift boxes are for sale at \$100 each; purchase one and receive a \$50 gas coupon sponsored by Loaf 'N Jug plus the opportunity to participate in a drawing for \$500 cash.

Silent auction items include a training flight with Doss Aviation, studio tour with John and Dorothy Mendoza, a condo stay in Crested Butte, and sports memorabilia. Live auction items feature a bottle of Glencadam single malt scotch aged 15 years that is unavailable for purchase in the United States, two VIP tickets with an overnight stay at the Ritz Carlton to see *Mamma Mia* at the Denver Center for Performing Arts, two nights stay at the Auberge on the Vineyard in Cloverdale, California, and a wine rack filled with a variety of select wines put together by the Arts Center's Board of Trustees.

Black, red and chrome set the atmosphere for the evening. Gourmet dinner is catered by Rosarios.

Boogie to the funky tunes of Wallace Cotton and the Royals featuring hits from the 50s, 60s, and 70s. The band made their return performance during the Arts Center's winter Festival Fridays.

The evening is \$125 per person (\$250 per couple) with corporate tables of 8, 10, or 12 available. RSVP by June 1 by calling 719-295-7200. All proceeds benefit arts education programs.

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 11 a.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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