

## RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

# Inviting Visitors to Enliven Our Community

As the most nimble artistic medium, the performing arts will enable CC to deepen relationships with community participants of all ages and backgrounds through innovative education experiences in the performing arts.

— Performing Arts Subcommittee Report

Most artists and scholars spend a lifetime accumulating the experiences and insights that enrich their work and contribute to fresh ways of seeing the world. When community members, staff, students, and faculty can interact with these visiting artists and scholars, they gain an intimate understanding of techniques and methods, and in some instances, inspiration that may last a lifetime. By investing in such programs, we are creating a magnifying effect for the arts — as well as intellectual curiosity and passion — in our community. Thus, across all its programs, the FAC will engage top-quality visiting artists, performers, scholars, and exhibits; make their work, objects, and related events accessible to all constituents; and draw on their presence to inspire vibrant, stimulating learning experiences and creative opportunities for the entire community. This effort should honor and expand the FAC's vision for innovative, culturally diverse interdisciplinary programs and contribute to its identity as a national model for an arts center that joins with a college to serve a campus, a community, a region, a nation, and the world. The learning experiences and creative opportunities related to this effort should represent the best in their class, encourage people to interact across differences, and promote inclusive engagement. Overarching aims are to bring the world to Colorado Springs, and the



FAC to the world. The following ideas could contribute to this effort:

- **Engage artists, performances, and exhibits to offer a variety of programs, classes, and other experiences** in various forms and at different levels, creating synergy that strengthens the connections we aim to sustain.
- For new and current audiences, **engage artists, performances, and exhibits to help to cultivate a sense of intellectual and emotional discovery** so fundamental to the liberal arts.
- **Develop an artist-in-residence program** to bring art-making directly into the FAC, providing dynamic interaction with distinguished practitioners in the arts.
- **Develop a scholar-in-residence program** to bring national and international scholars to the FAC, generating new bodies of knowledge and pedagogies. ■