

## RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

### Building an Innovative Program of Arts Education

The alliance of the FAC and CC will provide resources and opportunities to develop, implement and research new and adventurous approaches to teaching and learning in the arts.

As a national model for an arts center that joins with a college, the FAC will develop and support an innovative program of arts education that will become highly regarded nationally. We will build on current programs like the Summer Music Festival and the Youth Repertory Theatre as we imagine fresh, new ways to create excellent arts education offerings, with special emphasis on programs for youth. Professional development for teachers will be part of this effort. Recognizing that first-hand experience is vital to our educational offerings, the FAC will become even more available to young people in our region. To develop this program, we could:

- **Build on the nationally known Colorado College Summer Music Festival and the community-engaged Youth Repertory Theatre to create an unparalleled program of arts education and experience for youth.** Informed by the arts and education departments at CC, this program could draw on local and guest talent and expertise. Our creativity, commitment, and resources to achieve this goal are active and strong.
- **Use creative pedagogies to contribute to the arc of arts education in the K-12 system in Colorado Springs**



**with community-based and experiential learning.** For example, collaboration with CC's Department of Education could result in offerings like an art class for struggling readers, helping children learn how visual literacy relates to reading. CC graduate students might tutor these students as part of their practicum hours.

- **Offer innovative professional development for teachers,** who could use our programs to meet their continuing education requirements.
- **Assess the needs of our constituents routinely** — including the youth and adults we serve — to strengthen our efforts. ■