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Arts Center announces new visual arts curator

(Pueblo, Colo.—June 28, 2012) The Sangre de Cristo Arts Center welcomes Christel Dussart as the new visual arts curator effective July 1, 2012.

Dussart joined the Arts Center's visual arts team in September 2012 as an exhibition preparator and became an assistant curator in March 2012. Dussart joins the Arts Center with a strong background in visual arts. She served as Director of Visual Resources at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS) for three years and was an assistant to the director of the Smokebrush Gallery and Foundation for the Arts in Colorado Springs. Dussart also volunteered for the Guggenheim Museum in New York and assisted with preparation and installation of temporary exhibits at the Ellis Island Immigration Museum. Dussart is currently working on completing her masters in Art History/Museum Studies from City College of New York with an emphasis in contemporary activist art organized around environmental issues.

"Understanding the history of the Arts Center and its significance to Southern Colorado and beyond, it is important for me to build upon that foundation through teamwork and collaboration," said Dussart. "In the near future, visitors should expect more interactive exhibitions that are integrated with aspects of education and community involvement."

About the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center

The cultural hub of Southern Colorado for 40 years, the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center is a multi-disciplinary non-profit center for the arts located in Pueblo that serves 17 surrounding counties. A fully accredited member of the American Association of Museums, the Arts Center gives visitors the tools to think and act creatively through high quality art exhibitions featuring local, national and global artists, world class performing arts, dance arts with a pre-professional ballet company, an award-winning children's museum, comprehensive arts educational programming and space for meetings, performances and life events.

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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