

### THE NEW UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR THE ARTS GRAND OPENING



Colorado State University celebrates the completion of the \$43 million University Center for the Arts with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1 p.m. Oct. 16 on the front steps of the new center, 1400 Remington St. in Fort Collins.

The campus and local communities are invited to attend a free barbecue at noon, complete with the CSU Pep Band playing spirited tunes, followed by the ribbon-cutting ceremony and an open house at University Center for the Arts from 1-3 p.m. A Fort Collins High School alumni "Alma Mater Sing" will be at 1:30 p.m. on the grand staircase landing.

The University Center for the Arts, or UCA, located in the renovated old Fort Collins High School, is home to Colorado State's School of the Arts. The UCA is a world-class facility with its comprehensive design to support all art forms. It is the first time in university history in which programs in music, theatre, dance and art will be housed under one roof. The UCA provides the platform required for the School of the Arts to achieve new levels of national and international excellence as well as offering a cultural center to the Fort Collins and Northern Colorado communities.

"A rich understanding of human thought and achievement is essential to higher education and the true independence of the human spirit," said Larry Edward Penley, president of Colorado State University. "I made the completion of the University Center for the Arts one of my highest priorities because of its importance to our programs, students, and faculty in the fine arts. The UCA would not have been completed without the leadership and commitment of our own students. Through their commitment the UCA now ranks among the finest facilities of its kind in the country."

#### **Grand Opening Events**

##### **Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony and Community Open House**

October 16, 2008, 12 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

12 p.m. BBQ lunch on the front lawn with CSU Pep Band

1 p.m. Ribbon Cutting and Remarks

1:30 p.m. Fort Collins High School and CSU Alma Mater Sing –  
FCHS Alumni Invited to Participate

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Community Open House

##### **Grand Opening of the University Dance Theatre with Special Guests**

###### **Diavolo Dance Theatre**

October 8 – 15, 2008, 3 – 4 p.m.: Daily MasterClasses with Diavolo Dance Theatre

October 17 & 18, 2008, 8:00 p.m., Diavolo Dance Theatre Performances

##### **Haydn Celebration - Chamber Orchestra and Choirs Collaboration**

October 17, 2008, 7:30 p.m. & October 19, 2008, 2:00 p.m., Griffin Concert Hall

##### **Sculpture Garden featuring Campbell's Tomato Soup Can signed by Andy Warhol**

Now on display.

##### **Read Entire Official Press Release**

