# Exhibit 1

### CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Class Action Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") is made thi	s day of
, 2008, by:	

- 1. The Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition, Laura Hershey, Carrie Ann Lucas, Heather Rebekah Renee Lucas, Adrianne Emily Monique Lucas, Asiza Carolyn Kolene Lucas, and Daniel Wilson ("Named Plaintiffs"); and
- 2. The City and County of Denver, Colorado ("Defendant").

Named Plaintiffs and Defendant are parties in a civil action filed in the U.S. District Court for Colorado under Civil Action No. 06-CV-00865-MSK-BNB (the "Lawsuit").

The parties desire to settle the claims asserted in the Lawsuit and to enter into various agreements related to the Lawsuit and the claims giving rise thereto, in accordance with the provisions and upon the terms and conditions hereafter set forth.

Defendant has denied and continues to deny any and all liability or wrongdoing to Named Plaintiffs and to the Settlement Class. By entering into this Agreement, Defendant does not admit any impropriety, wrongdoing or liability of any kind whatsoever, including any as to the claims raised in the Lawsuit, and on the contrary, expressly denies the same. Defendant has entered into this Agreement solely for the purpose of avoiding the expense, inconvenience, distraction and delay of the Lawsuit, without admitting any wrongdoing or liability whatsoever.

- I. **CONDITIONS PRECEDENT:** This Agreement shall be conditioned upon and shall be effective only upon, the occurrence of all of the following events:
  - Class Counsel and Defendant move jointly by stipulation for an Order granting A. preliminary approval of this Agreement and issuance of notice in accordance with Paragraph VII of this Agreement and such motion is granted by the Court.
  - В. Notice to the Settlement Class in accordance with Paragraph VII of this Agreement.
  - C. A Fairness Hearing held in accordance with Paragraph VII of this Agreement.
  - D. Final approval of this Agreement by the Court following a fairness hearing.

#### II. **DEFINITIONS**

"Accessible Seating Locations" means areas that comply with Section 4.33.2 of A. the Department of Justice Standards for Accessible Design, 28 C.F.R. pt. 36, App. A.

- "Class Counsel" means Fox & Robertson, P.C. and the Legal Program of the В. Colorado Cross Disability Coalition.
- C. "Opera House" means the Ellie Caulkins Opera House.
- D. "Settlement Class" means all persons with disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act including persons who are currently or have been in the past four years residents of the State of Colorado who use wheelchairs or scooters for mobility who, within four years prior to the filing of the complaint in this Lawsuit, were denied or are being denied, full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of the Ellie Caulkins Opera House.

#### III. REPAIRS AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Defendant has already or will make the following modifications to the Opera House.

#### A. Lifts

- 1. The City will install platform lifts on both the House Left and House Right side of the Opera House in accordance with Exhibit 1 hereto.
- The City will limit the House Left platform lift to travel between the lobby 2. and the Orchestra.
- Lift Lobbies: With respect to the doors to the lift lobbies on both the House Left В. and House Right sides, at both the main and Orchestra seating levels, the City will either
  - 1. install automatic door openers; or
  - 2. if it is approved by the Fire Marshal without request for variance, install a magnet system that would hold the vestibule entry doors open at all times unless the fire alarm is set off.

#### C. Accessible Seating Locations:

- 1. In addition to the accessible seats shown on page 1 of Exhibit 2, the City will install two additional Accessible Seating Locations with adjacent companion seats in the Orchestra.
- Seating in the rest of the Opera House will be as set forth in the seating 2. charts in Exhibit 2 hereto.

Signage: The City will install signage informing patrons of the locations of seats D. with folding arm rests and signage at the ticket office indicating the availability of those seats.

#### E. Restrooms:

- 1. Lobby Level Family Restroom: The City will relocate or restructure the toilet room walls of the family restroom on the main level to ensure 60 inch turning radius.
- 2. In each of the following restrooms, the City will reverse the swing of the door on the accessible stall to ensure 18 inches of maneuvering clearance to the latch side of the door.
  - Men's house right mezzanine; a.
  - Women's house right mezzanine; b.
  - Men's house right loge; c.
  - d. Women's house right loge;
  - Men's house right balcony; e.
  - f. Women's house right balcony;
- 3. In each of the following restrooms, the City will move the wing wall outside the door to ensure 18 inches of maneuvering clearance to the latch side of the door, except in the basement where an electric door opener(s) may be used instead at the option of the City.
  - Family restroom house left main; a.
  - Family restroom house left basement; b.
  - Men's house right basement; and c.
  - d. Family restroom house left mezzanine.
- 4. In each of the following restrooms, the City will install a compliant toilet paper dispenser:
  - a. Men's house left basement; and

- Men's house left loge. b.
- F. Kevin Taylor Restaurant/Chambers-Grant Salon
  - 1. The City will ensure that at least five percent of the seating positions at the tables in the Kevin Taylor Restaurant are accessible.
  - 2. The City will ensure that the ramp to the raised area in the house left side of the Chambers Grant Salon is uncovered and available for use when that area is open to the public.
  - 3. The City will install a fixed cane-detectable barrier no more than 27 inches above the floor at the main staircase to address low head room near the main elevator.

#### **Policies** G.

- 1. Before and after a performance and for the duration of each intermission, the City will assign an usher within sight of the upper and lower entrances to each platform lift to assist with the efficient use of the platform lifts.
- 2. Upon request of a patron using a wheelchair, an usher will accompany the patron in the lift or will accompany a child who is with an adult in a wheelchair.
- 3. If a platform lift malfunctions or is out of service for any reason, and a patron using a wheelchair sitting in the Orchestra section of the Opera House is thereby delayed in being seated and the patron so requests, ushers will permit such patrons to enter and be seated during a performance that is in progress. If a lift malfunction prevents a patron who uses a wheelchair from attending part or all of a performance, the City will use its best efforts to provide accessible tickets to the next available performance at no cost, and if no seats are available, will provide a full refund.
- H. Deadline for Repairs and Accommodations: The City will take the actions described above on or before December 31, 2008.
- Maintenance of access: Defendant will maintain the Opera House in the I. condition required by this Paragraph III.
- IV. **INSPECTION**: Within thirty days of completion of the measures described above, the City will notify Class Counsel who will have an opportunity to inspect the measures

within thirty days of being notified.

- V. **DAMAGES**: The City disputes that any damages are available to Named Plaintiffs pursuant to the ADA. However, and without admitting any liability, the City will pay Named Plaintiffs the following amounts no later than thirty (30) days from final approval of this Agreement:
  - Laura Hershey: \$1,500.00 A.
  - В. Carrie Ann Lucas: \$3,500.00
  - C. Heather Rebekah Renee Lucas: \$1,500.00
  - D. Adrianne Emily Monique Lucas: \$2,000.00
  - E. Asiza Carolyn Kolene Lucas \$500.00.
  - F. Daniel Wilson \$1,500.00

#### VI. ATTORNEYS' FEES.

- The City agrees to pay Plaintiffs' reasonable attorneys' fees and costs attributable A. to Plaintiffs' pursuit of claims relating to the accessibility of the Opera House to individuals who use wheelchairs and scooters against Defendant The City and County of Denver plus a proportionate share of costs incurred by Plaintiffs pursuing other defendants that cannot be determined to pertain to any particular defendant.
- В. The parties will negotiate in good faith to agree to Plaintiffs' reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. If the parties are able to agree on a proposed amount, Plaintiffs' will not request a greater amount from the Court and Defendant will not oppose Plaintiffs' fee request to the Court in that amount.
- C. If the Parties are unable to agree on the amount of Plaintiffs' reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, Plaintiffs will submit the question to the Court simultaneously with the motion for final approval of the Agreement. The Parties agree that the amount requested by Plaintiffs will not exceed \$330,000.
- D. The City will pay any amount due pursuant to this provision within thirty (30) days of the date on which the Court determines Plaintiffs' reasonable attorneys' fees.

#### VII. CONTINUANCE OF PENDING DEADLINES AND MOTIONS; MOTIONS TO AMEND, PRELIMINARY APPROVAL, OBJECTIONS AND FAIRNESS HEARING.

- A. Within three (3) days of execution of this Agreement, the Parties will jointly request the Court to continue all pending deadlines and any motions unrelated to settlement.
- B. On or before October 3, 2008:
  - Plaintiffs shall move, and Defendant shall not oppose motions, to amend 1. the operative complaint to assert a class action and to certify the Settlement Class;
  - 2. the Parties shall jointly move for an order granting preliminary approval to this Agreement; and
  - 3. the Parties shall request that the Court set a hearing to address the motion to amend the complaint, the motion for class certification and the motion for preliminary approval.
- C. The parties shall ask the Court to order the following procedures for objections: Any member of the Settlement Class may object to the proposed Agreement by filing, within one month after publication of the Notice, written objections with the Clerk of the Court. Only such objecting Class Members shall have the right, if they seek it in their objection, to present objections orally at the Fairness Hearing. Responses by Named Plaintiffs and Defendant to any timely-filed objections shall be made within two weeks after the deadline for such written objections.
- D. Named Plaintiffs and Defendant shall request that a Fairness Hearing take place three months after publication of the Notice, or as soon thereafter as the Court may set the hearing.
- E. No fewer than ten (10) days before the Fairness Hearing, the Parties shall respond to any objections and shall jointly move the Court for final approval of the Agreement.

### VIII. NOTICE TO THE CLASS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

A. Defendant shall place the Notice attached as Exhibit 3, at its own expense, in the Denver Post and the Rocky Mountain News. Said notice shall be published once in each newspaper and shall be at least one-eighth of a page in size. The notice shall appear within fifteen (15) days after Preliminary Approval of the

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- Agreement. Defendant shall notify Plaintiffs of the day on which the Notice shall appear pursuant to this Paragraph and will send to Plaintiffs a copy of the Notice as published.
- B. Within fifteen (15) days of Preliminary Approval, Defendant shall mail the Notice to the organizations listed in Exhibit 4.

#### IX. JUDGMENT, FINAL APPROVAL AND DISMISSAL.

- A. At the time of the Fairness Hearing, the parties shall jointly request that the Court enter a Final Judgment and Order granting Final Approval of, and incorporating by reference, the terms of this Agreement and retaining jurisdiction to enforce such terms. The parties will request that this Final Judgment and Order be in the form of Exhibit 5 hereto.
- В. This action shall be dismissed with prejudice pursuant to Rule 41 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, no later than one month following Final Approval.

#### X. **RELEASES**

- A. Claims Released by Named Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class. Effective on the date of Final Approval of this Agreement, Named Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all members of the Settlement Class and their executors, successors, heirs, assigns, agents and representatives, in consideration of the relief set forth herein, the sufficiency of which is expressly acknowledged, unconditionally and forever do fully and finally release, acquit and discharge Defendant and its present, former or future directors, officers, shareholders, owners, managers, supervisors, employees, attorneys, insurers, agents, representatives, and contractors, including, but not limited to Semple Brown Design, P.C., PCL Construction Services, Inc.; and the respective successors, heirs, employees, attorneys, owners, insurers and assigns of the above from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, charges, demands, losses, judgments, liens, indebtedness and liabilities arising out of alleged accessibility problems at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House including but not limited to claims arising under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12131 et seq., Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. § 794, Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act, Colo. Rev. Stat. §24-34-601 et seq. for injunctive relief, declaratory relief, and any attendant costs and attorneys' fees (except those provided in Paragraphs III and VI above), whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted in the Lawsuit.
- Claims Released by Named Plaintiffs but not by the Settlement Class. В. Effective on the date of Final Approval of this Agreement, Named Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and their executors, successors, heirs, assigns, agents and

representatives, in consideration of the relief set forth herein, the sufficiency of which is expressly acknowledged, unconditionally and forever do fully and finally release, acquit and discharge Defendant and its present, former or future directors, officers, shareholders, owners, managers, supervisors, employees, attorneys, insurers, agents, contractors including, but not limited to Semple Brown Design, P.C., PCL Construction Services, Inc.; and representatives; and the respective successors, heirs, employees, attorneys, owners, insurers and assigns of the above from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, charges, demands, losses, damages, judgments, liens, indebtedness and liabilities in any way relating to or arising out of alleged accessibility problems at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House including but not limited to claims under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12131 et seq. or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. § 794, Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act, Colo. Rev. Stat. §24-34-601 et seq. for damages, and any attendant costs and attorneys' fees (except those provided in Paragraphs V and VI above), whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted in the Lawsuit.

### XI. COMMUNICATIONS

Any notice or communication required or permitted to be given to Named Plaintiffs or Defendant under this Agreement shall be given in writing by email and U.S. Mail, addressed as follows:

To Defendant: Office of the Mayor of Denver

1437 Bannock Street

Suite 350

Denver, CO 80202

Director of Theatres and Arenas

1245 Champa Street

First Floor

Denver, CO 80204

With a copy to: City Attorney Office

201 W. Colfax Avenue

Department 1207 Denver, CO 80202

To Plaintiffs: Amy F. Robertson, Esq.

Fox & Robertson, P.C. 3801 East Florida Avenue

Suite 400

Denver, CO 80210

And:

Kevin W. Williams, Esq. Legal Program Director Colorado Cross Disability Coalition 655 Broadway Suite 775 Denver, CO 80203

If the above addresses change, it is the responsibility of the Party whose address is changing to give written notice of said change to all other Parties within thirty (30) business days following the effective date of said change.

#### XII. MODIFICATION OR WAIVER OF AGREEMENT

No modification of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is pursuant to Court Order.

#### XIII. SEVERABILITY

If any provision or any part of this Agreement shall at any time be held unlawful, or inconsistent with applicable law, in whole or in part, under any federal, state, county, municipal or other law, ruling or regulation, then the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain effective and enforceable.

### XIV. EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be signed in counterpart and shall be binding and effective immediately upon the execution by all Parties of one or more counterparts

#### DUTY TO SUPPORT AND DEFEND DECREE XV.

Named Plaintiffs and Defendant by their signatures below, each agree to abide by all of the terms of this Agreement in good faith and to support it fully, and shall use their best efforts to defend this Agreement from any legal challenge, whether by appeal or collateral attack.

### XVI. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement contains all the agreements, conditions, promises and covenants among Plaintiffs, the Settlement Class and Defendant regarding matters set forth in it and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous agreements, drafts, representations or understandings, either written or oral, with respect to the subject matter of the present Agreement.

## XVII. NO DISPARAGEMENT

The Parties agree that they will not make any false or misleading statements concerning

any other Parties involvement with the Opera House or the other Parties' parent, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, members, or employee's involvement with the Opera House.

Signature Page To Follow

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement of the date first written above.

Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition	Laura Hershey
Ву:	Ву:
Its:	Date:
Date:	
Carrie Ann Lucas, for herself and on behalf of Heather Rebekah Renee Lucas, Asiza Carolyn Kolene Lucas, and Adrianne Emily Monique Lucas  By:	Daniel Wilson  By:  Date:
Date:	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	The City  Theatres & Arenas  By: Jack Q. Finlaw
By: Kevin W. Williams Colorado Cross Disability Coalition Leg	gal Program
By:  Amy F. Robertson Fox & Robertson, PC Counsel for Named Plaintiffs and the Se	ettlement Class
DAVID R. FINE, Attorney For the City and County of Denver	,
Assistant City Attorney	

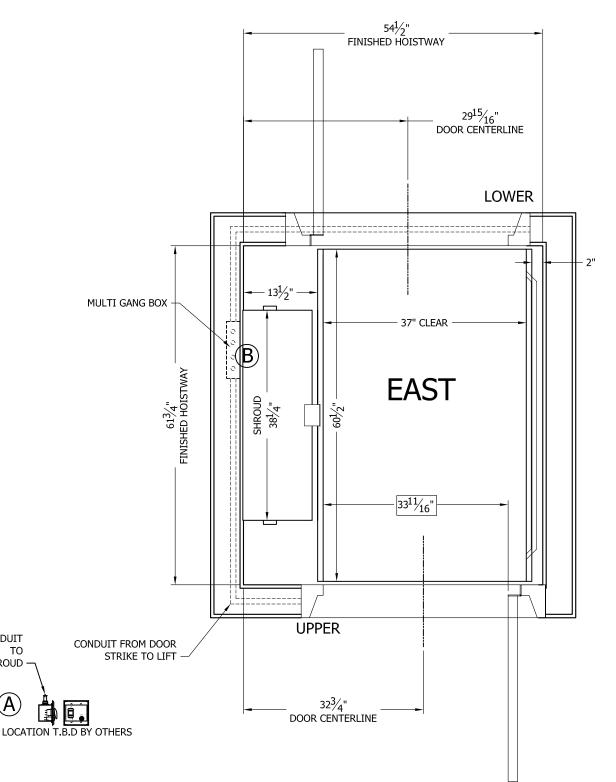
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement of the date first written above.

Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition	Laura Hershey
By: Allellas	By:
Its: Executive Director	Date:
Date: September 18, 2008	
Carrie Ann Lucas, for herself and on behalf	Daniel Wilson
of Heather Rebekah Renee Lucas, Asiza Carolyn Kolene Lucas, and Adrianne Emily	By:
Monique Eucas	Date:
By:	
Date: 4/18/07	
	The City
	Theatres & Arenas
	Ву:
APPROYED AS TO FORM:	Jack D. Finlaw
By: Kevin W. Williams	
Colorado Cross Disability Coalition Legal	Program
By: Amy F. Robertson	
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DAVID R. FINE, Attorney For the City and County of Denver	
By: Assistant City Attorney	
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Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition	Laura Hershey
By:	Ву:
Its:	Date: 9-18-08
Date:	
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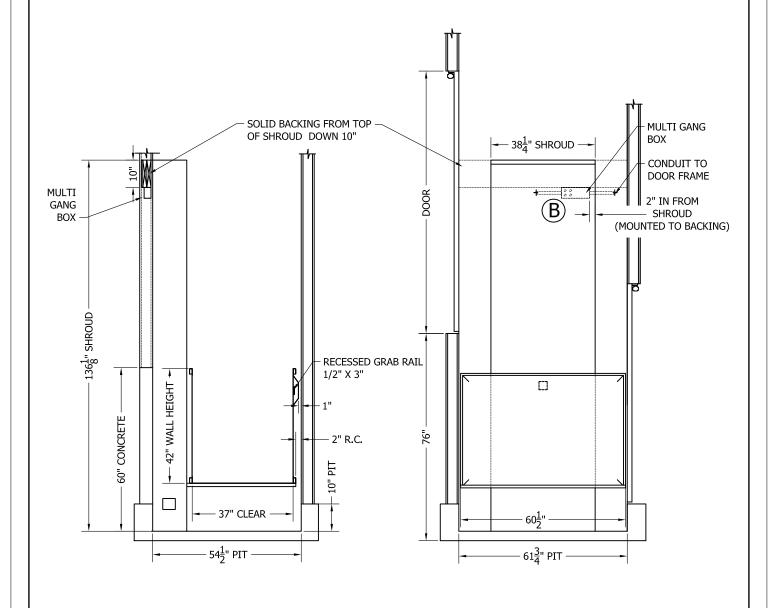
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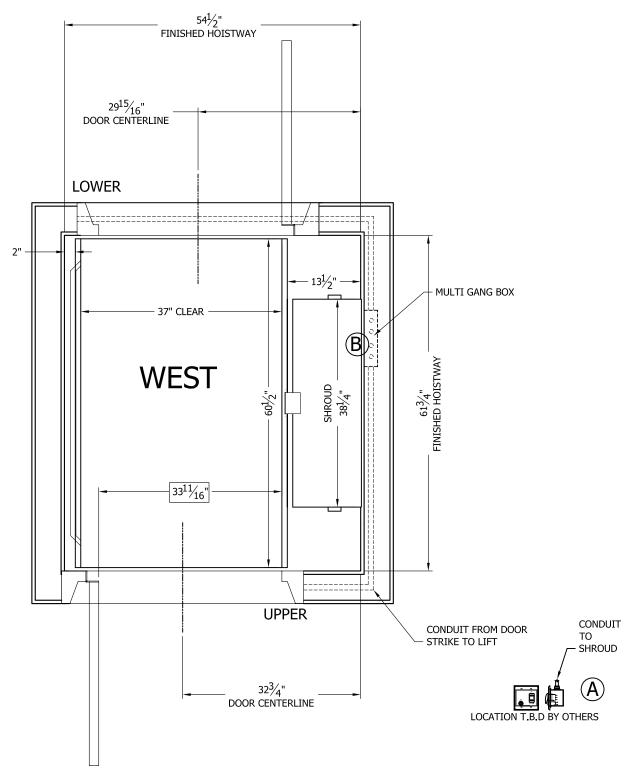
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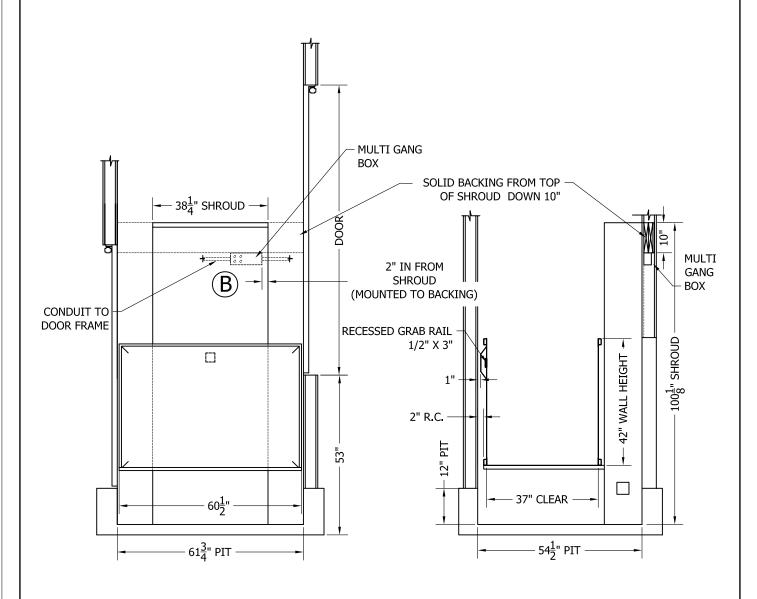


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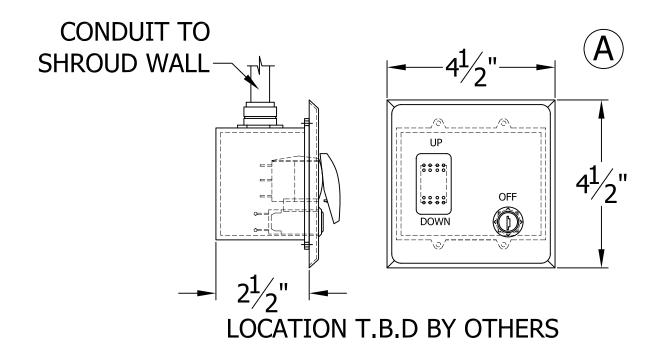
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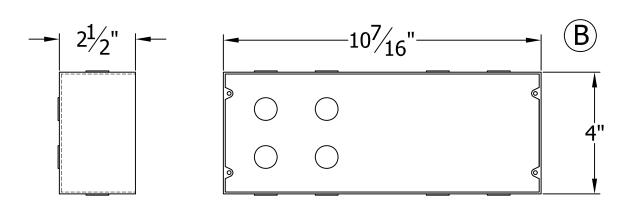
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www.TheElevatorCompany.com 1-800-735-0408				ELEVATOR MOÆL. B.C. FSV	SHEET SET. ENGINEERING
8216 E PARK MEADOWS DR. 303-841-9663 LONE TREE, CO 80124 FAX 303-841-1482		I		SHEET DESCRIPTION: ELEVATION LIFT WEST	SHEET NUMBER: E-5 OF 7

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## REMOTE CALL SEND



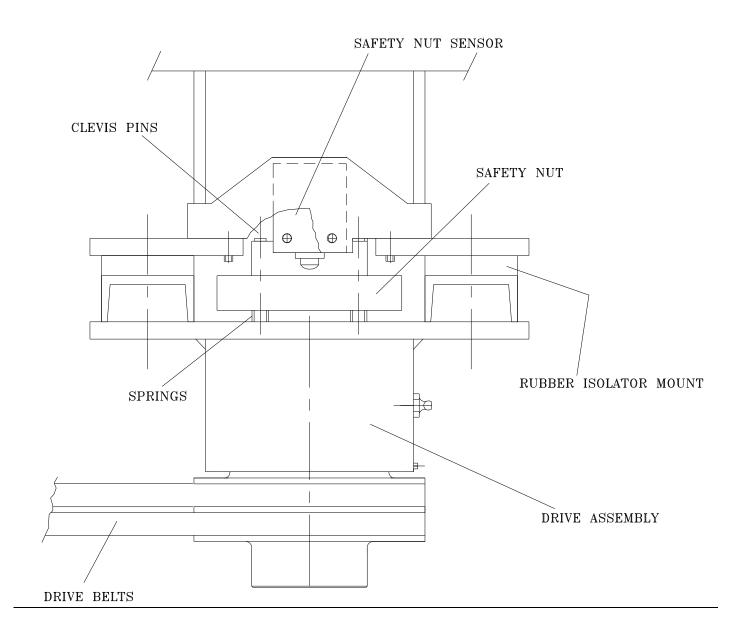
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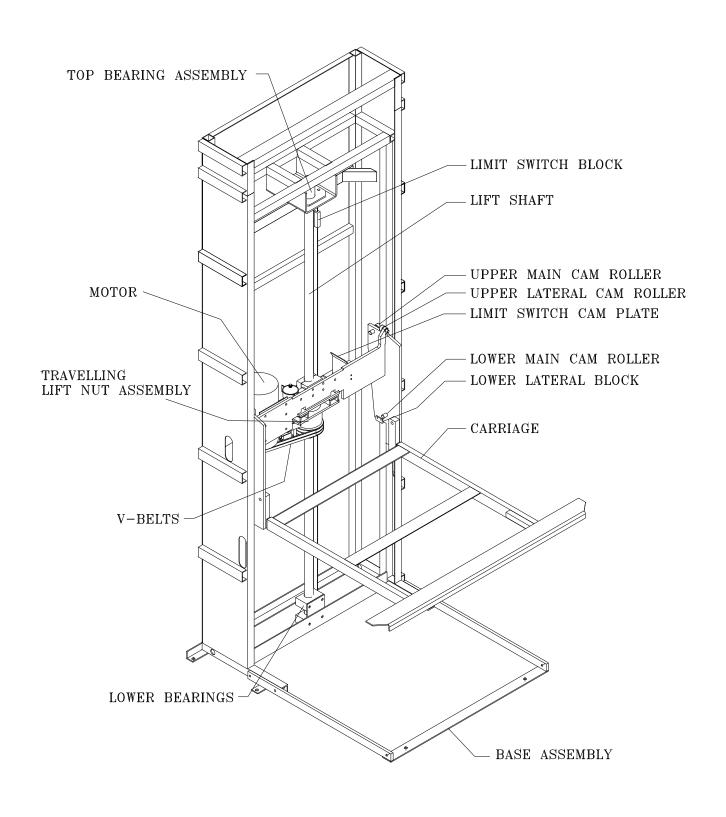




## **FSV ACME SCREW DRIVE VERTICAL PLATFORM LIFT**

The FSV acme screw drive vertical platform lift is designed to comply with the applicable requirements in ASME A18.1 (formerly ASME17.1, Part XX and XXI). It utilizes a self-locking acme screw drive and a drive nut with a backup safety nut just like our conventional acme drive screw unit. The difference is that the conventional system moved the platform by spinning the screw shaft and holding the nut stationary. The FSV system holds the screw shaft stationary and spins the drive nut. This system allows us to run at faster speeds without increasing vibration levels because of the smaller rotating mass. The backup safety nut travels with the drive nut but does not support any load under normal conditions. If the main drive nut fails for any reason the backup safety nut holds the load and prevents the platform from falling. In addition, the safety nut switch will allow the lift to travel to the lower landing to allow the user to get out and then prevent future operation until the main drive nut is replaced.





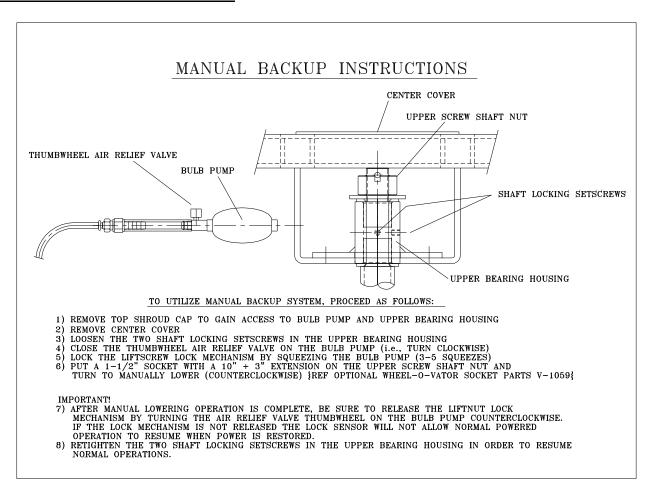
GENERAL ARRANGEMENT (Top & outer covers not shown for clarity)

## **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

### NORMAL OPERATION

- A. Call the platform lift to the landing by using the hall call station.
- B. Place the key in the key switch (if equipped) and turn the key clockwise. Note that the key can only be removed while in the "OFF" position.
- C. The paddle switch is a constant pressure switch and pressure must be maintained for the unit to operate. If the switch is released, the unit will stop automatically. To operate the unit, simply push switch in the desired direction.
- D. When the unit reaches the landing, turn off the key and remove it.
- E. Get onto the platform. Repeat steps B-D.

### **EMERGENCY MANUAL OPERATION**



## **FSV ACME SCREW DRIVE VERTICAL PLATFORM LIFT SPECIFICATIONS**

Capacity: 750 pounds

**Motor:** 3 HP, 1725-RPM, three phase, 230 VAC, 60 HZ motor.

Power: 230 VAC, single phase, 60 hz

**Drive:** Acme screw and Acme nut. The Acme screw stops are positive with less than

1/4 inch of variance once control button is released.

**Platform:** The Wheel-O-Vator platform is a non-skid, solid metal surface.

**Ramp:** There may not be a pit provided or available. In this case a ramp must be

provided. A model BC platform may be equipped with a 15" non-skid

flip-up ramp. As the lift platform rises, the ramp hinges up. As the platform is lowered, the ramp lowers. All models may be equipped with a 30" non-skid

stationary ramp.

Control Switches: Relay Logic Control System. All up/down switches are 24 volt, constant

pressure. Each unit is equipped with a constant pressure switch on the

platform.

**Safety Devices:** The unit is equipped with a safety nut. The nut is located directly above the

Acme lift nut. If the nut should fail, the safety nut switch will not allow the unit to operate. **DO NOT** bypass safety switch or attempt to operate unit. Call your authorized dealer for service. All models may be equipped with a safety pan, which will shut the unit off if an obstruction is encountered under the

platform.

Manual Operation: See manual operation section.

**Hand Rails:** 42" high solid metal panels. (36" on RE models.)

**Warranty:** Four year limited warranty. Warranty does not include any labor cost.

See warranty section.

Jennifer Macy Director of Administration 1245 Champa Street, First floor Denver, CO 80204

June 10, 2008 Revised 6/23/08

Re: Ellie Caulkins Opera House

Dear Jennifer,

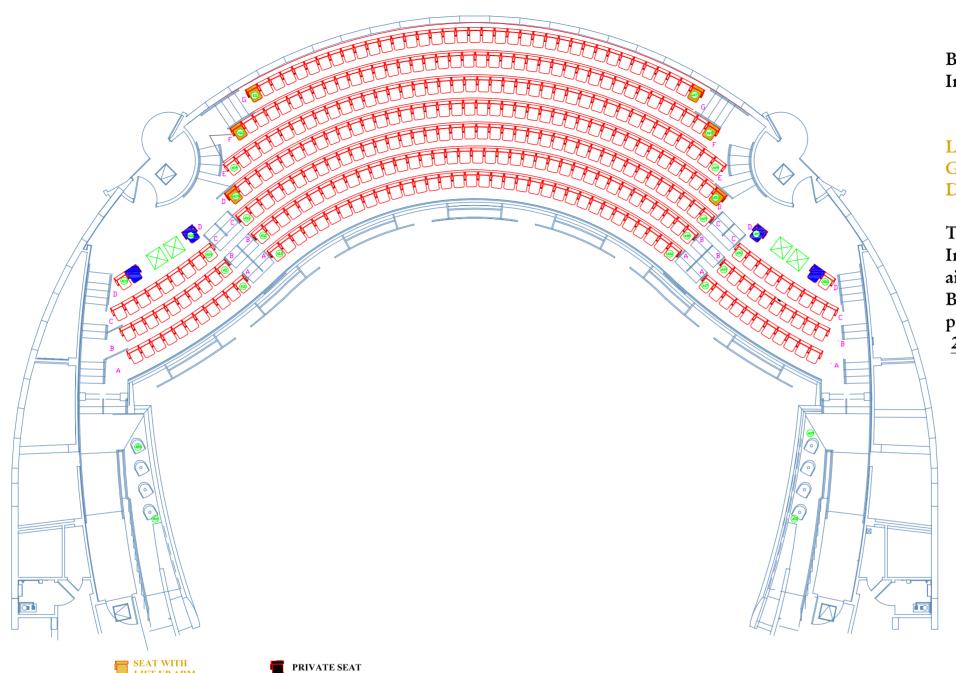
The following is the exact specifications offered of the proposed vertical platform lifts to be installed @ the Ellie Caulkins Opera House.

- 2 National Wheel O Vator in partnership with The Elevator Company Vertical Platform Lifts 1- BC 42 with FSV option and 1 BC 72 with FSV option. Both lifts share the following specifications exactly.
- 750 LB capacity
- 2 Stop, through car with 42" or (68" respectively) of rise
- FSV drive system @ 30 fpm travel speed
- Automatic operation controls with emergency stop
- Custom platform w/42" cab height
- Wall mounted Controls with both call and send feature (top and bottom) w/brail
- Fully automatic operation
- Building Generator to offer back up system.
- ADA recessed phone & keyed operation kit
- Recessed Handrail on wall opposite drive structure A117.1 compliant.
- Site specific, engineered shop drawings
- 3 year warranty
- Platforms shall be a clear size of 37"x 60 ½"
- Clear end door opening to be 34 1/4" on both sides of both lifts. End door measurement to on an even plane through lift. + or – fire stop assembly.(not to be less than 33 5/8" in any case.)
- Flush mounted doors to be mounted in smooth flush shaft top to bottom.
- The lifts shall have no doors or gates at either end.
- Lifts shall provide a more dependable operation than present solution due to the simplicity of the drive with the added technology of a VVVF Drive (FSV)

Attached I have provided the Section of the platform as requested. In addition I have attached the drawings with the appropriate title block.

Best regards and good luck,

Matthew Hyde CEO The Elevator Company



35 SEAT NUMBER

ACCESSIBLE SEAT

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Balcony Max Seating
Includes: Wheelchairs
Companions
Side Boxes
8
Lift up Arms are on Seats
G411,G447,F410,F449
D409&D450.
6

Total Max Seating in the ECOH Including Seats in both center aisles, both orchestra lifts and Boxes. This does not include production holds.
2,225

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V.

The City and County of Denver Civil Action No. 06-CV-00865-MSK-BNB U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

# IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHO USE WHEELCHAIRS OR SCOOTERS WHO HAVE ATTENDED THE ELLIE CAULKINS OPERA HOUSE AT THE DENVER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

<b>Notice of Class Action</b> : A class action	on lawsuit is currently pending involving access
issues for people with disabilities who use wh	neelchairs or scooters at the Ellie Caulkins Opera
House ("Opera House"), part of the Denver C	enter for the Performing Arts. The following class
was certified by the Court on, 2	2008:

All persons with disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act including persons who are currently or have been in the past four years residents of the State of Colorado who use wheelchairs or scooters for mobility who, within four years prior to the filing of the complaint in this Lawsuit, were denied or are being denied, full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of the Ellie Caulkins Opera House.

The Fourth Amended and Supplemental Class Action Complaint was filed on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2008. The parties to the lawsuit have negotiated a proposed settlement that resolves claims relating to the accessibility concerns for individuals who use wheelchairs or scooters at the Opera House. In those negotiations, the plaintiff Class representatives were represented by Amy F. Robertson of Fox & Robertson, P.C. and Kevin W. Williams of the Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition. The Defendant in the case is the City and County of Denver (the "City"). Defendant is represented by Robert G. Wheeler, Assistant City Attorney. The plaintiff Class was represented by three individuals with disabilities who use wheelchairs or scooters.

**Events Covered by the Settlement**. The proposed settlement covers the Opera House, a venue that is part of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts.

If you are a person with a disability who uses a wheelchair or scooter and who, within four years prior to May 8, 2006, has experienced any problems with access at the Opera House as a result of your disability, you are a member of the proposed Settlement Class. A disability for purposes of this Settlement is a disability, as that term is defined in 42 U.S.C. § 12102, that necessitates the use of a wheelchair or scooter for mobility.

Please read this Notice carefully. It affects your legal rights.

**Proposed Class Action Settlement Agreement.** The Class Action Settlement Agreement ("Settlement Agreement") provides that the City will make certain repairs and accommodations in the Opera House, including installing lifts on both sides to provide access to the Orchestra level, installing two additional accessible and companion seats in the Orchestra level, installing automatic door openers and/or a magnet system to hold the doors open in the lift lobbies, make certain changes in its restrooms, provide accessible tables in the Kevin Taylor Restaurant, ensure that the ramp in the Chambers-Grant Salon is uncovered when that area is open to the public, and install a cane-detectable barrier at the main staircase to address low headroom issues.

Your Rights as a Class Member. The Court has granted Preliminary Approval of the Class Action Settlement Agreement. A hearing will be held on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2008 at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.m. in the Courtroom of U.S. District Judge Marcia S. Krieger in Denver, Colorado, to evaluate the fairness of the Settlement Agreement, and to decide whether to grant Final Approval. If the Settlement Agreement is given Final Approval, all Class members will be bound by the provisions of the Settlement Agreement with respect to various claims including claims for injunctive relief and attorneys' fees and costs under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Rehabilitation Act and the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act. Any and all claims that the Opera House is in violation of these statutes with respect to access for individuals who use wheelchairs or scooters will be barred.

If you wish to object to the settlement or to speak at the hearing, you must send the Court a written objection to the settlement and/or notice of your intent to appear at the hearing on or before \_\_\_\_\_\_ at the following address: Honorable Marcia S. Krieger, Alfred A. Arraj US Courthouse, 901 19th Street, Denver, CO 80294 (1) Amy F. Robertson, Fox & Robertson, P.C., 3801 E. Florida Ave., Suite 400, Denver, CO 80210; and (2) Robert G. Wheeler, Assistant City Attorney, 201 W. Colfax Ave., Dept 1207, Denver, CO 80202.

**How To Get Further Information**. If you have any questions or want a copy of the entire Settlement Agreement, contact: Amy F. Robertson, Fox & Robertson, P.C., 3801 E. Florida Ave., Suite 400, Denver, CO 80210, email <a href="mailto:arob@foxrob.com">arob@foxrob.com</a>. The Settlement Agreement is also available on Fox & Robertson's website at <a href="www.foxrob.com/----">www.foxrob.com/----</a>.

### **LIST OF COLORADO ORGANIZATIONS**

Paralyzed Veterans of America Colorado Chapter Mountain States PVA 12200 East Iliff Avenue Suite 107 Aurora, CO 80014

Cerebral Palsy Colorado 801 Yosemite St. Denver, CO 80230

Center for People with Disabilities Robert Trujillo 1675 Range Street Boulder, CO 80301

Colorado Springs Independence Center Vicki Mitschler-Skoog 21 East Las Animas Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Atlantis Community, Inc. Mike Auberger 201 South Cherokee Street Denver, CO 80223

Disability Center for Independent Living 4821 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue Denver, CO 80207

Southwest Center for Independence 835 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite 400 Durango, CO 81301

Disabled Resource Services 424 Pine St., Suite 101 Ft. Collins, CO 80524

Center for Independence Attn: Linda Taylor 740 Gunnison Avenue Grand Junction, CO 81501

CONNECTIONS for Independent Living Beth Danielson 1024 Ninth Avenue, Suite E Greeley, CO 80631

Greeley Center for Independence Hope Cassidy 2780 28th Avenue Greeley, CO 80631

Disabled Resource Services (Satellite) 640 East Eisenhower Blvd. Loveland, CO 80537

Sangre De Cristo Independent Living Center 131 South Union Pueblo, CO 81004

Judy Neal, SILC Liaison Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Colorado Department of Human Services 1575 Sherman Street Denver, CO 80203

Debbie Petersen, SILC Chair 5600 West Third Street #9DD Greeley, CO 80634

The Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People 455 Sherman Street Suite 130 Denver, Colorado 80203

Colorado Governor's Advisory Council for People with Disabilities P.O. Box 15 Golden, CO 80402

Muscular Dystrophy Association 720 S. Colorado Boulevard, #450 Denver, Colorado 80246

Multiple Sclerosis Society Colorado Chapter 900 S. Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Denver, CO 80217

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 06-cv-00865-MSK-BNB

COLORADO CROSS-DISABILITY COALITION, a Colorado non-profit Corporation, LAURA HERSHEY,

CARRIE ANN LUCAS,

HEATHER REBEKAH RENEE LUCAS, by and through her parent and next friend, CARRIE ANN LUCAS

ADRIANNE EMILY MONIQUE LUCAS, by and through her parent and next friend, CARRIE ANN LUCAS,

ASIZA CAROLYN KOLENE LUCAS, by and through her parent and next friend, CARRIE ANN LUCAS, and

DANIEL WILSON,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, COLORADO,

Defendant and Third Party Plaintiff,

v.

SEMPLE BROWN DESIGN, P.C.,

Third Party Defendant.

### FINAL JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF DISMISSAL OF PLAINTIFFS' CLAIMS

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this Court grants final approval to the attached Class Action Settlement Agreement, and that judgment is entered in accordance with that Class Action Settlement Agreement, the terms of which are incorporated by reference herein.

> **EXHIBIT 5 TO CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT** Civil Action No. 06-CV-00865-MSK-BNB

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiffs' claims against the City and County of Denver are dismissed with prejudice pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court shall retain jurisdiction for the purpose of enforcing the Class Action Settlement Agreement between the Plaintiffs and the City and County of Denver should such enforcement be necessary.

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