

## News Release

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### Chautauqua documentary film series announced

*Hip hop, monkey wrenching, quidditch among topics to be screened*

**BOULDER, COLO. (September 9, 2015)** - The Colorado Chautauqua Association (CCA), steward of Boulder's cultural and historical gem, has announced its latest Documentary Film Series. The series kicks off Friday, September 25 with a look at hip hop and rap star Nas and continues through April with an insider view into the sport of quidditch. Each film is followed by post-screening discussion led by a scholar of the topic, or a key player from the film. The cozy atmosphere of the 125-seat historic Chautauqua Community House provides the perfect setting for an intimate movie night.

#### [Documentary Series Line Up](#)

##### [Nas: Time is Illmatic](#)

Friday, Sept. 25, 7:30 PM

**\$15.00 (\$12.00 Concert Member)**

"Nas: Time is Illmatic" delves deep into the making of Nas' 1994 debut album "Illmatic" and the social conditions that influenced its creation. Twenty years after its release, "Illmatic" has become a hip-hop benchmark that encapsulates the socio-political outlook, enduring spirit, and collective angst of a generation of young black men searching for their voice in America. Professor Adam Bradley, director of University of Colorado's Laboratory for Race & Popular Culture (the Rap Lab) will lead an interactive, post-screening discussion.

##### [Wrenched](#)

Friday, Oct. 9, 7:30 PM

**\$15.00 (\$12.00 Concert Member)**

"Wrenched" captures the passing of the monkey wrench - a radical blueprint for "wrenching the system" from the pioneers of eco-activism Edward Abbey to today's generation. Through interviews, archival footage and reenactments, the film captures the outrage of the original eco-warriors and asks the question, how far are we willing to go in defense of wilderness? M. John Fayhee, Mountain Gazette editor, will lead the post film discussion.

## **Enemy, My Friend?**

**Friday, Nov. 13, 7:30 PM**

**\$12.00 (\$9.00 Concert Member), \$1.00 veterans and active military**

“Enemy, My Friend?” tells the remarkable story of Eric Lomax, a British officer POW cruelly tortured by the Japanese in World War II. After 50 years of tracking down his tormentor, they meet and forever transform their lives through forgiveness. Journalist and author Megan Feldman will lead the post-screening discussion and will also discuss her book “Triumph of the Heart” and relate her global work with veterans coping with the impact of war and how and why people forgive after the worst kinds of wartime violence.

## **People of a Feather**

**Friday, Jan. 22, 7:30 PM**

**\$12.00 (\$9.00 Concert Member)**

Featuring stunning footage from seven winters in the Arctic, “People of a Feather” journeys into the world of the Inuit and explores their ancient relationship with the eider duck. Traditional life is juxtaposed with modern challenges as both Inuit and eiders confront changing sea ice and ocean currents disrupted by the massive hydroelectric dams powering New York and eastern North America. Inspired by Inuit ingenuity and the technology of a simple feather, the film is a call to action to implement energy solutions that work with nature. Polar explorer Eric Larsen will lead the post-screening discussion.

## **Penny & Red**

**Friday, Feb. 12, 7:30 PM**

**\$15.00 (\$12.00 Concert Member)**

“Penny & Red: the Life of Secretariat’s Owner” follows Penny Chenery, the tough, earthy woman who owned the legendary horse Secretariat, from poverty to her emergence as the First Lady of Racing. Forever paired with Secretariat, Penny’s story further exemplifies the rise and sacrifices of women of her generation. John Tweedy, director and son of Penny Chenery, will lead the post-screening discussion.

## **Mudbloods: A Film about Quidditch**

**Friday, Apr. 22, 7:30 PM**

**\$12.00 (\$9.00 Concert Member)**

Transforming Harry Potter’s fictional competition into a co-ed, physically demanding, real-life sport, quidditch has secured its place as one of the fastest growing collegiate club sports today. “Mudbloods” follows the resilient underdogs of the UCLA quidditch team as they help transform fictional sport into a real-life phenomenon and make their way to the fifth annual quidditch world cup in New York City. Ally Whitney former captain of the Boggarts Quidditch Club at Colorado State University and now a quidditch player in Denver will lead the post-screening discussion.

## **TICKET INFORMATION:**

- All events take place in the Chautauqua Community House.
- Purchase tickets online now at [www.chautauqua.com](http://www.chautauqua.com).
- Chautauqua Concert Members receive a \$3 discount on select tickets.
- All tickets are subject to a service fee.

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