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Chautauqua 2016-17 Author Series announced

Overpopulation, homeless pet owners and water rights among topics to be discussed

BOULDER, COLO. (August 24, 2016) – The Colorado Chautauqua Association (CCA), steward of Boulder’s cultural gem, the Colorado Chautauqua National Historic Landmark, is pleased to announce the lineup for this season’s Author Series. Running monthly from October through April, the series pays homage to the original Chautauqua Literary & Scientific Circle by exploring topics of the day and literature. Laurence Brahm, Robert Crifasi, Leslie Irvine and Mark Sundeen wield the power of their pens by delving into the issues of overpopulation, homeless pet owners, water rights and the quest for the simple life. Christine Goff, Mark Stevens and Erika Krouse add mystery and suspense to the series while showcasing modern life and topics. The cozy atmosphere of the 125-seat historic Chautauqua Community House (b. 1918) provides the perfect setting for an intimate reading and discussion.

[AUTHOR SERIES LINE UP](#)

[Laurence Brahm](#): Fusion Economics

Wednesday October, 12. 7:00 PM

\$12.00 (\$9.00 Concert Member)

Everyone knows something is wrong. Over forty percent of the world's population lives in poverty. The planet's resources are diminishing at frightening rates. The international financial system is broken and exacerbates the gap between the wealthy and the rest. Is there a way out of this mess? [Laurence Brahm](#) explores how the world's social economies can come together to lift the world out of poverty.

Laurence Brahm is a global activist, international lawyer, political-economist, author and chief economist of the New Earth Institute. He is the architect of two fresh economic paradigms, the Himalayan Consensus and the African Consensus.

[Christine Goff](#): A Parliament of Owls

Wednesday, November 16. 7:00 PM.

\$10.00 (\$7.00 Concert Member)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife agent, Angela Dimato discovers the body of a woman in the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge near Denver, Colorado. Not only is the woman found in a bizarre and contorted position, her body is located within a few feet of the nest of the protected burrowing owl.

Christine Goff is an award-winning author of international thrillers and the best-selling Birdwatcher's Mystery series. "Dark Waters," the first title in her new international thriller series was released on September 15, 2015. Christine will discuss what it is like juggling two diverse writing projects and read from her books.

Robert Crifasi: A Land Made From Water

Wednesday, December 7. 7:00 PM

\$10.00 (\$7.00 Concert Member)

"A Land Made from Water" chronicles how the development of water resources in Colorado changed the face of the Front Range—an area that was once a desert and is now an irrigated oasis that supports millions of people. In addition to linking current water issues to the historical evolution of water management systems, this book demonstrates the role people have played in creating ecosystems that are often presented as natural or native.

Robert Crifasi works in water management and planning and is an environmental scientist with more than twenty-five years of experience. He has served as the Water Resources Administrator for the City of Boulder's Open Space and Mountain Parks Department, was on the board of directors of eleven ditch companies, and president of several Boulder Valley ditches.

[Mark Sundeen: The Unsettlers](#)

The radical search for the good life

Wednesday, January 25. 7:00 PM.

\$10.00 (\$7.00 Concert Member)

Mark Sundeen traces the search for the simple life through the visionaries, ascetics and artists that inspired three very different couples to walk away from the life they knew in order to find (or create) a better existence.

Mark Sundeen is the author of "The Man Who Quit Money," "The Making of Toro" and "Car Camping." A correspondent for Outside Magazine, his work has appeared in the New York Times, The Believer, National Geographic Adventure and McSweeney's. "The Unsettlers" release date is scheduled for January 10.

[Erika Krouse: Contenders](#)

Wednesday, February 22. 7:00 PM

\$10.00 (\$7.00 Concert Member)

Nina Black is a happy thief and street fighter until one of her marks, a Denver cop and MMA comeback contender, wants his wallet—and his dignity—back. Avoiding retribution is difficult enough alone, but it becomes impossible once Nina gets unexpected custody of an orphaned eight-year-old niece she didn't know existed.

Erika Krouse's fiction has appeared in The New Yorker, The Atlantic, Esquire.com, One Story, Ploughshares and other publications. Her short story collection, "Come Up and See Me Sometime," won the Paterson Fiction Award and was a New York Times Notable Book. Krouse will read from "Contenders" and discuss the challenges of writing characters who veer far from the norm.

Mark Stevens: Allison Coil Mysteries

Wednesday, March 22. 7:00 PM

\$10.00 (\$7.00 Concert Member)

Set in the Flat Tops wilderness of western Colorado and inspired by a female hunting guide Stevens met nearly two decades ago, the Allison Coil Mystery series draws upon hot topics from Colorado events. "Antler Dust" deals with poaching and animal rights activists. "Buried by the Roam" is centered around fracking. "Trapline" dives into for-profit prisons and immigration. "Lake of Fire" explores climate change and anti-government terrorist. Three of the four books were named finalists for the Colorado Book Award and "Trapline" won the category in 2015.

Mark Stevens is a former journalist for The Christian Science Monitor, the Rocky Mountain News and Denver Post, and national field producer for The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour (PBS). Mark will discuss his research, his writing and provide a preview of what is coming next.

Leslie Irvine: My Dog Always Eats First

Understanding Homeless People and their Pets

Wednesday April 19. 7:00 PM

Tickets: \$12.00 (\$9.00 Concert Member)

It's a common sight in cities everywhere: a weary-looking man stands at an intersection, backpack at his feet. Curled up nearby is a mixed-breed dog, unfazed by the passing traffic. The man holds a sign that reads, "Two old dogs need help. God bless." Homelessness and stigma go hand in hand, and nowhere is this more apparent than pet ownership among the homeless. Through qualitative research, Leslie Irvine gives provides a glimpse into how homeless people provide for both themselves and their pets, and shows how despite public prejudices, homeless people's pets often really do eat first.

Leslie Irvine is professor of sociology at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Her books include "If You Tame Me: Understanding Our Connection with Animals" and "Filling the Ark: Animal Welfare in Disasters." "My Dog Always Eats First" was a Colorado Book Award finalist.

TICKET INFORMATION:

- All events take place in the Chautauqua Community House.
- Purchase tickets online now at 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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The Colorado Chautauqua Association is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that preserves, perpetuates and improves the site and spirit of the historic Chautauqua, enhancing its community and values through cultural, educational, social and recreational experiences. The chautauqua experience is based on lifelong learning, love of nature, voluntary simplicity, and music, oration and the arts. Historic significance, traditions, cultural relevance, respite and enrichment are among the community benefits provided by the Colorado Chautauqua. CCA serves as the steward of historic Chautauqua. It leases from the City of Boulder and has full responsibility for preservation and use of 26 acres of Chautauqua Park, home to many public buildings, gardens and 99 cottages, 58 of which are available for rental through the Association. The Colorado Chautauqua was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2006. The Colorado Chautauqua Association is a Scientific & Cultural Facilities District

(SCFD) Tier II organization. For more information about the Colorado Chautauqua and the CCA visit www.chautauqua.com or www.facebook.com/coloradochautauqua.

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