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**Chautauqua Community House Concert Series announced**  
*Acoustic folk, Americana, bluegrass, R&B, country included in monthly music series*

BOULDER, COLO. (August 31, 2016) – The Colorado Chautauqua Association (CCA), steward of Boulder’s National Historic Landmark, announces its 2016/17 Community House Concert Series. With a variety of performances to suit all musical tastes, the series kicks off Friday, October 7 with the indie-folk, American sounds of Dawn & Hawkes and continues monthly through April, closing on the 30<sup>th</sup> with the California Guitar Trio. Just as attending a concert in the Chautauqua Auditorium is on the summer “must-do’ list, Community House concerts are a favorite amongst audiences looking to experience music in an intimate atmosphere. Join us and experience a special performance in one of the Front Range’s premier listening rooms.

The following concerts have been confirmed for the 2016-17 season. Additional concerts will be announced on [www.chautauqua.com](http://www.chautauqua.com) throughout the year.

[CONCERT SERIES LINE UP](#)

[Dawn and Hawkes](#)

Friday, October 7. 7:30 PM.

**\$20.00 (\$17.00 Concert Member)**

Miranda Dawn and Chris Hawkes first met in 2010 when he crossed an Austin barroom floor and asked her to dance. Their first duo effort, “Golden Heart,” climbed to #25 in Billboard’s Folk chart and landed at #2 in iTunes Singer-Songwriter albums kicking off a whirlwind of constant cross-country touring and co-writing, and even a run on NBC’s “The Voice.” Judge Adam Levine called their version of the Beatles’ “I’ve Just Seen a Face” his “favorite performance on the show – ever” and the single reached No. 1 on Billboard’s rock chart.

[Venus Cruz](#)

Friday, October 21. 7:30 PM.

**\$20.00 (\$17.00 Concert Member)**

Winner of Westword's 2012 Best R&B Vocalist Award and host of the "Jazz Odyssey" on KUVU 89.3FM, Venus Cruz’s improvisation and soulful delivery transcend genres. This intimate concert will

feature Venus performing original compositions as well as modern takes on classic jazz standards. She will be joined by Mikey Smith (guitar) and Mark Emmons (percussion).

### [Jimmy Weber](#)

Friday, November 4. 7:30 PM

**\$22.00 (\$19.00 Concert Members), \$10.00 Veterans and Active Military**

Jimmy Weber recently retired from active duty after 24 years of service with the U.S. Air Force. A former member of the U.S. Air Force Band, he deployed five times, bringing comfort and hope to our service members in Iraq, Afghanistan and dozens of other countries in Southwest Asia, Africa, Europe and North and South America.

During his illustrious music career, Jimmy Weber has shared the stage with country music royalty including Kenny Rogers, Tim McGraw, Keith Urban, Rascal Flatts, Clint Black and Trace Adkins to name a few. In addition, Jimmy has opened for music's elite including Rodney Atkins, Sara Evans, Josh Turner, Joe Nichols, and the legendary Beach Boys. One listen to Jimmy's music draws comparisons to his diverse musical influences, including the Eagles, Vince Gill, Glen Campbell and James Taylor.

### [Biff Gore: Holiday Soul](#)

Saturday, December 17. 2:00 & 7:30 PM

**\$18.00 (\$15.00 Members)**

Powerful, soul-singing blues and R&B songwriter Biff Gore returns to Chautauqua to add soul to the holidays. Biff's rich vocals have led music industry leaders to distinguish him as "The Ambassador of Soul," and his down home guitar stylings are a national treasure. Most recognized as a contestant on season 6 of NBC's "The Voice" with Team Usher, Biff's grueling blues sound moved him on to the top 8 with Team Blake. After "The Voice," Biff returned to Denver to continue performing and writing new material. Biff will be accompanied by fellow contestant Noah Lis.

### [Andy Goessling of Railroad Earth](#)

Thursday, January 12. 7:30 PM

**\$20.00 (\$17.00 Concert Member)**

Andy Goessling started as a musician at age 11 and became a full time working musician by the age of 15. An introduction to the clarinet in grade school and the gift of an antique zither by his mother prompted a career as a woodwind and string multi-instrumentalist and lifelong interest in musical instrument history.

A founding member of the Americana band, [Railroad Earth](#), Andy plays acoustic guitar, mandolin, dobro, banjo, reeds, penny whistle and recorder. When off time permits, Andy tours with other projects to extend his musical palette. Andy has enjoyed a long and varied career being a part of many seminal projects in the acoustic, folk and bluegrass scenes. He has supported artists such as Garnet Rogers, Rick Danko, Greg Brown, Richard Shindell, Vance Gilbert and many others. He has played with Allman Brothers guitarist, Warren Haynes, two of his personal Bluegrass heroes, David Bromberg and John McEuen, and Grateful Dead members Phil Lesh and Bob Weir.

### [The Freewheel Trio](#)

Friday, February 10. 7:30 PM

**\$18.00 (\$15.00 Concert Member)**

The Freewheel Trio is a contemporary string band based out of Denver, Colorado. Through shared experiences in bluegrass, old-time, classical and American jazz traditions, the Freewheel Trio approaches both original and traditional music with the weight of their varied musical background behind their creative process. The trio is committed to versatility, both in their approaches to the performance of their instruments, and with the musical traditions they explore as a group. This

versatility fosters a close connection with audiences and a unique style from a familiar instrumentation. The Trio consists of Mike Robinson on guitar, Andrew Ryan on bass and Joe D'Esposito on fiddle.

### Jeff Black

Friday, March 24. 7:30 PM

**\$20.00 (\$17.00 Concert Member)**

Jeff Black's songs have earned Grammy recognition, radio chart-topping stats and numerous Broadcast Music Incorporated (BMI) awards. Although flying below the radar as a performer himself, Jeff has been recognized by NPR as a musical pioneer in the digital age and his catalogue of critically acclaimed albums continues to grow. Composing music for film and television, his credits include numerous indie-film soundtracks and a repertoire of songs cut by artists as diverse as Alison Krauss & Union Station, Waylon Jennings, BlackHawk, Dierks Bentley, Jon Randall, John Oates, Jerry Douglas and Sam Bush. Black has forged a reputation as a true folk troubadour entertaining audiences globally for over three decades. A master songwriter and performer in the tradition of the great storytellers, his passionate, soul driven live performances of songs from his vast catalog are not to be missed.

### California Guitar Trio

Sunday, April 30, 7:30 PM

**\$24.00 (\$21.00 Concert Member)**

The universe of guitar knows no boundaries for The California Guitar Trio. Since 1991, the group has enthralled listeners with a singular sound that fearlessly crisscrosses genres and explores the intersections between rock, jazz, classical, and world music. Comprised of Bert Lams, Hideyo Moriya and Paul Richards, the trio's music and 14 albums have made a major global impact, having served as the soundtrack for Olympics coverage, and programs on CNN, CBS, NBC, and ESPN. They have fans in high places too: NASA used their music to wake the crew aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour.

#### 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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*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](http://www.chautauqua.com) or [www.facebook.com/coloradochautauqua](http://www.facebook.com/coloradochautauqua).*

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