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### Chautauqua 2016-17 Documentary Film Series announced

*Immigration, climate change, space exploration, animal rights among topics to be screened*



BOULDER, COLO. (August 17, 2016) – The Colorado Chautauqua Association (CCA), steward of Boulder’s cultural and historical gem, the Colorado National Historic Landmark, is pleased to announce its 2016-17 Documentary Film Series. The series kicks off Wednesday, September 14 with the journey of 14 young Latinos to Guatemala to meet their grandparents for the first time and continues through April with a look at legislation determining the nonhuman rights of apes. Each film is followed by post-screening discussion led by a scholar of the topic, or a key contributor 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](#)

##### [ABRAZOS](#)

Wednesday, September 14. 7:00 PM

\$10.00 (\$7.00 Concert Member)

4.5 million U.S. citizen children have at least one undocumented parent. This is the story of 14 of them. In conjunction with the Latino Task Force of Boulder County, CCA is pleased to present “Abrazos.” This documentary tells the story of the transformational journey of a group of U.S. citizen children who travel 3,000 miles, from Minnesota to Guatemala, to meet their grandparents for the first time. After being separated for nearly two decades, these families are able to share stories, strengthen traditions and begin to reconstruct their cultural identity.

“Abrazos” was an official selection at the Chicago Latino Film Festival, Oneota Film Festival, Ottawa Latino Film Festival and the Julien Dubuque Film Festival. [Director Luis Argueta](#) will lead a post-screening discussion.

##### [RACING EXTINCTION](#)

Thursday, October 20. 7:00 PM

\$15.00 (\$12.00 Concert Member)

From the Academy Award Award-winning filmmakers of “The Cove,” a team of artists and activists exposes the hidden world of extinction with never-before-seen-images that will change the way we see

our planet. Currently, we are witnessing an alarmingly high rate of extinction, potentially resulting in the loss of half of all species by the end of this century. One of the culprits is the international wildlife trade which profits from products derived from endangered species. Another is the collateral damage to our environment from the relentless burning of fossil fuels. Using covert tactics and state-of-the-art technology, the Racing Extinction team exposes the truth to empower the global community to create a movement and take action. Film producer [Olivia Ahnemann](#) will lead a post-screening discussion.

### [EVIL CHEESEY RIDES AGAIN](#)

Thursday, November 17. 7:00 PM

\$15.00 (\$12.00 Concert Member)

You know the story of Evel Knievel, but do you know the legend of Evil Cheesey? Rebel...Outlaw...Daredevil...Loner...Loser...Crazy...Finished. Local Boulder stunt-cycle legend Terry Chesebro has been called them all since his stint as an illegal street jumper on the streets of Boulder, Colorado in the 1970's. Thirty devastating years later, can Terry Chesebro once again don his cape and return to the streets he wandered to become Evil Cheesey one last time? Film directors Chris Leising and Jack Hanley will lead a Q&A after the film premiere.

### [ANTARCTIC EDGE: 70° SOUTH](#)

Friday, January 27. 7:00 PM

\$12.00 (\$9.00 Concert Member)

In the wake of devastating climate events like Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Katrina, oceanographer Oscar Schofield and his team race to understand climate change in the fastest winter-warming place on earth, and the world's most perilous environment, the West Antarctic Peninsula. For more than 20 years, these scientists, part of the National Science Foundation's Long Term Ecological Research Project, have witnessed the Peninsula's rapid change as well as the fragile and rapidly declining Adelie penguin - perhaps the greatest indicator of climate change and a harbinger of what is to come. Winter sea ice has declined by three months and temperatures have increased by 11 degrees Fahrenheit, six times greater than the global average. [Mark Serreze](#), director of the National Snow and Ice Data Center, will lead a post-screening discussion.

### [THE LAST MAN ON THE MOON](#)

Friday, February 24. 7:00 PM

\$12.00 (\$9.00 Concert Member)

When Apollo astronaut Eugene Cernan stepped off the moon in 1972 he left his footprints and his daughter's initials in the lunar dust. Only now, forty years later, is he ready to share his epic but deeply personal story of fulfillment, love, and loss. Cernan's burning ambition carried him to the spectacular and hazardous environment of space and to the moon. But there was a heavy price to pay for the fame and privilege that followed. As his wife famously remarked, "If you think going to the moon is hard, try staying at home." Director Mark Craig's documentary combines rare archive material, compelling visuals and unprecedented access to present an iconic historical character on the big screen.

[Dr. Jack Burns](#) from the University of Colorado at Boulder's Center for Astrophysics and Space Astronomy (CASA) will lead a post screening discussion and provide an update on current lunar missions.

### [YARN](#)

Friday, March 3. 7:00 PM

\$12.00 (\$9.00 Concert Member)

Knitting and crocheting have turned into hipster pastimes for men and women of varying ages. But although they might no longer be seen as the domain of grannies, knitting and crocheting still largely

suffer from the perception that they are but a crafty hobby, not a medium for art. “Yarn” is a new documentary by Montreal-based Icelandic director Una Lorenzen that focuses on a handful of global artists whose work explores the possibilities contained in a skein of yarn.

### UNLOCKING THE CAGE

Friday, April 21. 7:00 PM

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

“Unlocking the Cage” follows animal rights lawyer Steven Wise in his unprecedented challenge to break down the legal wall that separates animals from humans. Arguing that cognitively complex animals such as chimpanzees, whales, dolphins and elephants have the capacity for limited personhood rights, Steve and his legal team are making history by filing the first lawsuits that seek to transform a chimpanzee from a “thing” with no rights to a “person” with legal protections. “Unlocking the Cage” captures a monumental shift in our culture, as the public and judicial system show increasing receptiveness to Steve’s impassioned arguments. It is an intimate look at a lawsuit that could forever transform our legal system, and one man’s lifelong quest to protect “nonhuman” animals.

[Dr. Marc Bekoff](#), author and professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of Colorado will lead a 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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*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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