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Chautauqua 2017-18 Documentary Film Series announced

Unsolved mysteries, extreme adventures and beloved popular culture among topics to be screened



BOULDER, COLO. (July 31, 2017) –Colorado Chautauqua Association (CCA), steward of Boulder’s cultural and historical gem, the Colorado National Historic Landmark, is pleased to announce its 2017-18 Documentary Film Series. The season kicks off Thursday, September 21 with the premiere of the unsolved story of Chicano activists who died in Boulder in 1974. The series runs monthly through April and 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](#)

NEVA ROMERO: JAMAS OLVIDADOS

Tuesday, September 19. 7:00 PM

This is the film premiere about the story of a 21-year-old University of Colorado undergraduate who was killed, along with two other Chicano activists, in a car bomb in May of 1974 at the Colorado Chautauqua. Forty-eight hours later another car bomb rocked the Boulder community, killing three more Chicano activists elsewhere in Boulder. The events of these two nights forever altered the Chicano Rights Movement and the questions surrounding their deaths have never been answered. No one was ever convicted. “Neva Romero: Jamas Olvidados” is the story of a group of committed young activists working toward social justice, and one young woman’s struggle to make a difference during a period of collective turmoil.

Nicole Esquibel, the film’s director, will introduce the film and conduct a post-screening discussion.

[MERU](#)

Friday, October 6. 7:00 PM

In the high-stakes game of big-wall climbing, the Shark’s Fin on Mount Meru may be the ultimate prize. Sitting at the headwaters of the sacred Ganges River in Northern India, the Shark’s Fin has seen more failed attempts by elite climbing teams over the past 30 years than any other ascent in the Himalayas.

The film follows elite climbers Conrad Anker, Jimmy Chin and Renan Ozturk on their journey—one of friendship, sacrifice, hope and obsession—to tackle Meru.

Best-selling author of “Into Thin Air,” Jon Krakauer, will introduce the film and lead a post-screening discussion.

[AATSINKI: THE STORY OF ARCTIC COWBOYS](#)

Friday, November 3. 7:00 PM

Brothers Aarne and Lasse Aatsinki are cowboys of the Arctic. Quiet but good natured, dare-devilish but humble, rugged but gentle, and exceptionally knowledgeable when it comes to their little slice of wilderness. These men are what John Wayne wanted to be. The brothers, along with their wives and children, live well north of the Arctic Circle in Finnish Lapland, where they are the leaders of a collective of traditional reindeer herders who manage the last group of wild reindeer in all of Finland. “Aatsinki” follows the family for the span of one year, quietly observing their seasonal routines and the difficulties and joys of a life so closely tied to the land.

Filmmaker and director Jessica Oreck will lead a post-screening discussion.

[MONKEY BUSINESS: THE ADVENTURES OF CURIOUS GEORGE'S CREATORS](#)

Friday, December 1. 7:00 PM

Since its first publication in 1941, over 75 million Curious George books have sold in more than 25 languages. “Monkey Business” explores the lesser known tale of George’s authors, Hans and Margret Rey. From fleeing Nazi-occupied France on handmade bicycles to encounters with exotic animals in Brazil, the Reys lived lives of adventure that are reflected in the pages of one of the most treasured children’s book series of all time.

James Erekson, associate professor of reading at the University of Northern Colorado, will introduce the film and lead a post-screening discussion.

[SIGN PAINTERS](#)

Friday, January 12. 7:00 PM

We see them almost every day without a second thought. Weathered by time, distinct characteristics shining through, hand-painted signs are a product of a fascinating 150 year-old American history. What was once a common job has now become a highly specialized trade, a unique craft struggling with technological advances. “Sign Painters” stylistically explores this unacknowledged art form through anecdotal accounts from artists across the country. These vanguards of unseen originality are leading a renaissance with a keen creative purpose and exemplify the working class American success story.

“Sign Painters” celebrates those keeping the tradition intact with a bespoke approach and appreciation for a balance between art and commerce.

Steve Beach, known as Steve the Sign Painter, will lead a post-screening discussion.

[THE GREAT ALONE](#)

Friday, February 9. 7:00 PM

Shot in the arctic of Alaska, “The Great Alone” captures the inspiring comeback story of champion dog sled racer, Lance Mackey. From his sunniest days as a boy by his famous father’s side to cancer’s

attempt to unseat him, "The Great Alone" pulls viewers along every mile of Lance's emotional journey to become one of the greatest dog sled racers of all time. With an endless amount of strength and determination, Mackey is the first in history to win four consecutive Iditarod races. Iditarod runner Jorge Latre will lead a post-screening discussion.

[PIONEERS: WOMEN ARTISTS OF COLORADO \(1870-1970\)](#)

Friday, March 9. 7:00 PM

Learn the unsung stories of four women artists, educators and activists, whose pioneering spirits, in the early days of Colorado history, forged today's landscape of opportunity. "Pioneers" captures the social, racial and gender dynamics of a defining era in American history (1870-1970) through the stories of Helen Henderson Chain, Jean Wirt Sherwood, Muriel Sibell Wolle and Eve Drewelow. Each of their lives continue to include and shape today's cultural landscape.

Erika O'Connor, the film's director, will lead a post-screening discussion.

[FOR THE LOVE OF SPOCK](#)

Friday, April 6. 7:00 PM

The film's focus began as a celebration of the fifty-year anniversary of "Star Trek: The Original Series," but after Leonard passed away in February 2015, his son, director Adam Nimoy, was ready to tell another story: his personal experience growing up with Leonard and Spock. Adam not only shares details on the creation, evolution and universal impact of Mr. Spock, but also about the ups and downs of being the son of a TV icon. "For the Love of Spock" is laden with never-before-seen footage and interviews of friends, family and colleagues that include William Shatner and the original Star Trek cast, Zachary Quinto and the new crew of the Starship Enterprise, filmmaker JJ Abrams and astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson.

TICKET INFORMATION:

- All events take place in the Chautauqua Community House.
- All tickets: \$12.00 (\$9.00 Chautauqua Concert Member)
- Purchase tickets online now at www.chautauqua.com.
- The public is welcome to become a member at any time.
- 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.