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## 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Chautauqua Silent Film Series announced

*Chaplin, Lloyd, Keaton, Fairbanks and classic tales shown during weekly series*



**BOULDER, Colo. (May 2, 2017)** – Colorado Chautauqua Association, the steward of the Colorado Chautauqua National Historic Landmark, invites audiences to step back in time and enjoy an only-at-Chautauqua experience from a bygone era during its 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Silent Film Series. Classic and beloved stories and silver screen stars including Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, Harold Lloyd and Douglas Fairbanks will delight film buffs and moviegoers of all ages. Each film takes place in the historic Chautauqua Auditorium and is accompanied by live music provided by the Mont Alto Motion Picture Orchestra, pianist Hank Troy or the Silent Cinema Trio.

### 2017 CHAUTAUQUA SILENT FILM SERIES

#### **THE THREE MUSKETEERS (1921)**

**Starring Douglas Fairbanks and featuring live musical accompaniment by the Silent Cinema Trio  
Wednesday, June 28. 7:30 PM**

Set in 1625, young D'Artagnan heads to Paris, his heart set on becoming a musketeer. Soon after his arrival, D'Artagnan meets three of the most respected and feared musketeers, Porthos, Aramis and Athos, and joins them to defend Queen Anne against the devious Cardinal Richelieu. Running time: 119 minutes.

#### **CHARLIE CHAPLIN COMEDY NIGHT (1918-22)**

**Featuring live musical accompaniment by Hank Troy, piano  
Wednesday, July 5. 7:30 PM**

Join us for an evening of silent comedy with three of Chaplin's classic short films: "Shoulder Arms" (1918), "The Idle Class" (1921) and "Pay Day" (1922). Total running time: 96 minutes.

#### **PETER PAN (1924)**

**Featuring live musical accompaniment by the Mont Alto Motion Picture Orchestra  
Wednesday, July 12. 7:30 PM**

Peter Pan, a free spirited boy who refuses to grow up, enters the Darling's nursery in search of his shadow. With the help of fairy dust, Peter leads the three Darling children (Wendy, Peter and Michael) to the mythical island known as Neverland. Running time: 102 minutes.

#### **HAROLD LLOYD COMEDY NIGHT (1921-22)**

**Featuring live musical accompaniment by Hank Troy, piano**

**Wednesday, July 19. 7:30 PM**

Silver screen star Harold Lloyd was a comedic genius and one of the most influential filmmakers in early cinema. Sit back and enjoy two of his laugh-out-loud comedy shorts, "Grandma's Boy" (1922) and "A Sailor-Made Man" (1921). Total running time: 108 minutes.

#### **THE SCARLET LETTER (1926)**

**Starring Lillian Gish and featuring live musical accompaniment by Hank Troy, piano**

**Wednesday, July 26. 7:30 PM**

Directed by Victor Sjöström, "The Scarlet Letter" is a 1926 American drama based on Nathaniel Hawthorne's 1850 novel. Set in Puritan New England, seamstress Hester Prynne (Lillian Gish) is forced to don the scarlet letter A for adultery until she reveals the father of her child. Running time: 98 minutes.

#### **SPITE MARRIAGE (1929)**

**Starring Buster Keaton and featuring live musical accompaniment by the Mont Alto Motion Picture Orchestra**

**Wednesday, August 2. 7:30 PM**

One of Buster Keaton's least known works is his last silent film, "Spite Marriage" (1929). Also featured will be the short film "Neighbors" (1920) starring Buster Keaton. Total running time: 89 minutes

#### **SHERLOCK HOLMES (1916)**

**Starring William Gillette and featuring live musical accompaniment by Hank Troy, piano**

**Wednesday, August 9. 7:30 PM**

Long considered lost until a nitrate negative was identified in the vaults of La Cinémathèque Française, this film is a vital missing link in the history of Sherlock Holmes on screen. This newly-restored edition represents the sole surviving appearance of Gillette, credited as the world's foremost interpreter of Holmes, on film. Running time: 120 minutes

#### **COLLEGE (1927)**

**Starring Buster Keaton and featuring live musical accompaniment by Hank Troy, piano**

**Thursday, August 17. 7:30 PM**

Brilliant in his studies and dismissive of athletics, Ronald (Buster Keaton) finishes high school at the top of his class. But in college his uptight attitude doesn't win him any points with his sports-loving classmates, and a pretty coed. Also featured will be the short film "High Sign" (1921) starring Buster Keaton. Total running time: 86 minutes.

#### **TICKET INFORMATION:**

- All events take place in the historic Chautauqua Auditorium (b.1898)
- All Tickets: \$12.00 (\$6.00 Concert Member & children under 12) and available online at [tickets.chautauqua.com](http://tickets.chautauqua.com)
- Chautauqua Box Office hours: 12 - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 12 - 8 p.m. on Auditorium event days. 303.440.7666.

- Chautauqua Concert Members receive a discount on select tickets and advance purchase privileges.
  - The public is welcome to join as members at any time to take advantage of early purchase privileges and discounts.
- 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](https://www.facebook.com/coloradochautauqua). For access to historic or event photos, or to arrange interviews with interim executive director Shelly Benford, please contact Ann Obenchain at [ann.obenchain@chautauqua.com](mailto:ann.obenchain@chautauqua.com) or 303.952.1645.*