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Colorado Chautauqua announces its 2014 summer concert season

Historic auditorium embraces summer months with a robust lineup of crowd favorites

BOULDER, Colo. (April 17, 2014) – The Colorado Chautauqua Association steward of Boulder’s cultural and historical gem the Colorado Chautauqua National Historic Landmark, announces today its 2014 Summer Series. From Andrew Bird to B.B. King, this year’s lineup presents a diverse mix of performers that appeal to every music fan and genre. Laughter also returns to the stage with the addition of comedians Paula Poundstone and Steven Wright.

The eco-friendly convenience of the free HOP 2 Chautauqua shuttle will be available for all Auditorium events. Additional concerts will be announced in waves throughout the spring and summer.

CONCERT SERIES LINE UP:

[Steve Earle](#) & The Dukers

with special guests The Mastersons

Thursday, June 12, 8:00 PM

\$30.00 - \$55.00 (\$27.00 - \$52.00 Member) Tickets on sale: April 25 (April 21 Members)

A protégé of legendary songwriters Townes Van Zandt and Guy Clark, Earle quickly became a master storyteller in his own right, with his songs being recorded by Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Emmylou Harris, Waylon Jennings, Travis Tritt, The Pretenders, Joan Baez and countless others.

1986 saw the release of his debut record, "Guitar Town," which shot to number one on the country charts and immediately established the term "New Country."

[Andrew Bird](#) & The Hands of Glory, with Tift Merritt

Friday, June 20, 8:00 PM

\$34.00 - \$55.00 (\$31.00 - \$52.00 Member) On Sale Now.

Chicago-based film score composer, multi-instrumentalist and lyricist Andrew Bird picked up his first violin at the age of four and spent his formative years soaking up classical repertoire completely by ear. Since beginning his recording career in 1997 Bird has released 11 albums and played thousands of shows including at New York’s Carnegie Hall, the Sydney Opera House and festivals worldwide. Recently Bird collaborated with inventor Ian Schneller on Sonic Arboretum, an installation that debuted at New York’s Guggenheim Museum and exhibited at Chicago’s Museum of Contemporary Art.

[Mavis Staples](#) and [Marc Cohn](#)

Wednesday, June 25, 8:00 PM

\$40.00 - \$75.00 (\$37.00 - \$72.00 Member). Tickets on sale: April 25 (April 21 Members)

From the delta-gospel sound she helped create in the 1950s, to the engaged protest of the civil rights era, to a series of soul radio anthems in the 1970s, to her Prince-produced albums in the 1980s, to her Grammy-winning album in 2011, Mavis has carried on, her warm embrace of a voice the only constant.

Staples is a Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award winner, and a National Heritage Fellowship Award recipient, and was listed as one of Rolling Stone's 100 Greatest Singers of All Time.

After winning a Grammy for his soulful ballad "Walking in Memphis," Marc Cohn solidified his place as one of this generation's most compelling singer/songwriters, combining the precision of a brilliant tunesmith with the passion of a great soul man. He's a natural storyteller, balancing the exuberant with the poignant, and able to distill universal truth out of his often romantic, drawn-from-life tales.

[Angelique Kidjo](#)

Saturday, June 28, 8:00 PM

\$25.00 - \$50.00 (\$22.00 - \$47.00 Member) On Sale Now.

The multi-talented, internationally renowned, Grammy Award-winning Angélique Kidjo doesn't do anything half way. In January 2014, she released a new studio album, "Eve," as well as an autobiography entitled, "Spirit Rising: My Life, My Music," which features a foreword by Alicia Keys and a preface by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Kidjo's new album includes varied collaborations with artists such as Dr. John, Vampire Weekend's Rostam Batmanglij and the Orchestre Philharmonique du Luxembourg.

[Bela Fleck & Brooklyn Rider](#)

Saturday, July 5, 8:00 PM

\$35.00 - \$60.00 (\$32.00 - \$57.00 Member). Tickets on sale: April 25 (April 21 Members).

Bela Fleck is recognized as the premiere banjo player in the world and for inventing the image and sound of the banjo through his remarkable performing and recording career that has taken him all over the musical map and on a range of solo projects and collaborations.

In 2011, Béla wrote his first stand alone banjo concerto, on commission with the Nashville Symphony. This work, along with his new quintet for banjo and string quartet will be released in August. This new format was so compelling that Bela decided to create a whole night of music and tour with it, joining forces with the game-changing string quartet Brooklyn Rider.

[Peter Kater & R. Carlos Nakai](#)

Saturday, July 12, 8:00 PM

\$27.50 - \$52.50 (\$24.50 - \$49.50 Member) Tickets On Sale April 25. (April 21 Members).

Pianist/composer Peter Kater has been leading innovator of contemporary instrumental music for over three decades. R. Carlos Nakai is the world's premier performer of the Native American flute. In addition to his educational workshops and residencies, Nakai has performed extensively throughout the United States, Europe and Japan and has performed with over 15 symphonies and chamber orchestras.

[Loudon Wainwright III and Iris Dement](#)

Saturday, July 19, 8:00 PM

\$30.00 - \$55.00 (\$27.00 - \$52.00 Member) Tickets On Sale April 25 (April 21, Members).

Considered one of America's most astute lyrical commentators, Loudon Wainwright III came to fame when "Dead Skunk" became a Top 20 hit in 1972. His recording career consists of over 25 albums and his songs have been recorded by Bonnie Raitt, Johnny Cash, Earl Scruggs, Kate & Anna McGarrigle, Rufus Wainwright and Mose Allison, among others. Folk singer and two-time Grammy nominee Iris DeMent will share songs from her new album "Sing The Delta" as well as some of her songs that have become cultural touchstones.

[Rufus Wainwright](#)

Monday, July 28, 8:00 PM

\$35.00 - \$60.00 (\$32.00 - \$57.00 Member). Tickets on sale April 25 (April 21 Members)

Affectionately referred to by Elton John as “the greatest songwriter on the planet” and praised by the New York Times for his “genuine originality,” Grammy nominee Rufus Wainwright has established himself as one of the great male vocalists and songwriters of his generation. Rufus has worked with many artists including Elton John, Paul Simon, Antony, David Byrne, Joni Mitchell, Robert Wilson, Lou Reed, the Pet Shop Boys, Guy Chambers and Boy George. Rufus’ newest album “Vibrate: The Best of Rufus Wainwright” was released in March 2014.

[Paula Poundstone](#)

Saturday, August 9, 8:00 PM

\$25.00 - \$42.50 (\$22.00- \$39.50 Member). Tickets On Sale April 25 (April 21 Members)

Emmy Award-winning comedian, author and humorist, Paula Poundstone is currently a regular panelist on NPR’s widely popular weekly news quiz show, “Wait Wait... Don’t Tell Me,” where her distinctive brand of wry, intelligent and witty comedy is heard by 5 million homes across the country, internationally on NPR Worldwide, and on the Internet via podcast. Her latest comedy CD, “I Heart Jokes: Paula Tells Them in Boston,” recorded at Boston’s Wilbur Theatre, was released on April Fools’ Day 2013. Also in 2013, Poundstone joined Whoopi Goldberg, Joan Rivers and several other prominent women in comedy in Showtime’s feature-length documentary produced by Lions Gate entitled, “WHY WE LAUGH TOO: Women of Comedy.”

[Tim O’Brien & Darrell Scott](#)

Sunday, August 10, 8:00 PM

\$25.00 - \$45.00 (\$22.00- \$42.00 Member) On Sale Now

Back in 2000, kindred spirits Tim O’Brien and Darrell Scott joined forces to record the deep and scintillating “Real Time,” which was widely acclaimed on release and has since become recognized as a towering achievement in Americana annals. Following that album O’Brien and Scott became an in-demand touring act, hitting the road together whenever their schedules allowed.

[B.B. King](#)

Tuesday, August 12, 8:00 PM

\$60.00 - \$100.00 (\$57.00 - \$97.00 Member). Tickets On Sale April 25 (April 21 Members)

An American treasure and living legend, King has released more than 60 albums and amassed countless awards and honors, including 15 Grammy Awards, a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, the Presidential Medal of Honor and was inducted into the Blues Foundation Hall of Fame in 1984 and into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987.

[John Hiatt & The Combo and \[The Taj Mahal Trio\]\(#\)](#)

Wednesday, August 13, 8:00 PM

\$40.00 - \$75.00 (\$37.00 - \$72.00 Member) On Sale Now

Known for captivating crowds with his exceptional guitar performances and enthusiasm, Hiatt is called “...one of rock’s most astute singer-songwriters of the last 40 years” by the Los Angeles Times, and continues to write brilliant character studies, with entertaining storylines, cunning lyrics and wry humor. Composer, multi-instrumentalist, vocalist and nine time Grammy nominee Taj Mahal is one of the most prominent and influential figures in late 20th century blues and roots music.

[Ziggy Marley](#)

Thursday, August 28, 8:00 PM

\$35.00 - \$55.00 (\$32.00 - \$52.00 Member). Tickets on sale April 25 (April 21 Members).

The six-time Grammy Award winner's newest album "Fly Rasta," scheduled for release April 2014, marries Ziggy's distinctive reggae sound with elements of psychedelica, rock, funk, soul and pop, and explores further musical zones with the addition of sitar, tabla and taiko drums. The lyrical themes are a call to empowerment, enlightenment, freedom and, as with many of Ziggy's songs, the higher power of love.

Steven Wright

Saturday, September 13, 8:00 PM

\$32.50 - \$50.00 (\$29.50 - \$47.00 Member). Tickets on sale: April 25 (April 21 Members).

Academy Award winner Steven Wright is a prototype comedian that many others continually try to follow. He is known for his distinctly lethargic voice and slow, deadpan delivery of ironic, philosophical and sometimes nonsensical jokes, paraprosookians, anti-humor and one-liners with contrived situations. He is a regular guest with David Letterman, Jay Leno, Conan O'Brien, Jimmy Kimmel and Craig Ferguson.

Steven was honored as the first inductee into The Boston Comedy Hall of Fame, is a recipient of the Johnny Carson Comedy Legend Award and is a two-time Grammy nominee for Best Comedy Album.

TICKET INFORMATION:

- All events take place in the Chautauqua Auditorium unless otherwise noted
- Member Presale and General Public on sale info:
 - Chautauqua Member Pre Sale begins April 21 at 10:00 a.m. online only at tickets.chautauqua.com
 - General Public: April 25 at 10:00 a.m. online only at tickets.chautauqua.com
- Walk up and phone sales begin April 25. Chautauqua Box Office Kiosk hours: 1- 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 1-8 p.m. on Auditorium event days.
- Chautauqua Concert Members receive a discount on select tickets and advance purchase privileges
 - The public is welcome to join as members at anytime to take advantage of early purchase privileges.
- All tickets are subject to a service fee.
- The free HOP 2 Chautauqua shuttle is available for all Auditorium concerts. See individual event listing at www.chautauqua.com for schedule details.

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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.

For access to historic photos, or to arrange interviews with executive director Susan Connelly, contact Glenda Catron at 303-449-2108, ext. 17.