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Chautauqua Announces 2015 Film Series

Films to feature legends of the original silver screen

BOULDER, COLO. (March 27, 2015) – Join the Colorado Chautauqua Association, steward of Boulder’s cultural and historical gem the Colorado Chautauqua National Historic Landmark, in enjoying the special summer experience of seeing classic films featuring live musical accompaniment in the Chautauqua Auditorium.

This year’s annual Chautauqua Silent Film Series begins and ends with talkies, with “The Bicycle Thief” starting things of in June, and Charlie Chaplin’s “The Great Dictator” bringing the series to a close in August. In between are films that vary along the spectrum, from Buster Keaton classics to the film that inspired the musical and movie “Chicago,” there’s something for everyone at Chautauqua’s summer film series. The silent films are presented with live musical accompaniment by artists including the Mont Alto Motion Picture Orchestra, pianist Hank Troy, guitarist Steve Mullins and the Silent Cinema Trio. 2015 marks the 30th year of the Silent Film Series at Chautauqua, as well as pianist Hank Troy’s 30th year accompanying the films as they play on the Auditorium’s 30 foot screen.

Full line up and tickets available at: <http://tinyurl.com/ChautauquaFilm15>

The Bicycle Thief

Wednesday, June 3, 7:30 PM; \$10 (\$5 Concert Member & children under 12)

More than 60 years since its original release, “The Bicycle Thief” continues to maintain its position as one of the greatest films ever made. Italian with English subtitles. Running time: 90 minutes.

Chicago

Wednesday, June 10, 7:30 PM; \$12.00 (\$6.00 Concert Member & children under 12)

The film on which all subsequent musicals were based, “Chicago” recounts the true story of Beulah Annan, fictionalized as Roxie Hart, and her spectacular murder of her boyfriend.

With live musical accompaniment by The Mont Alto Motion Picture Orchestra. Running time: 119 minutes

The Lodger: A Story of the London Fog

Wednesday, June 17, 7:30 PM; \$12.00 (\$6.00 Concert Member & children under 12)

The Hitchcock thriller “The Lodger: A Story of the London Fog” is described as the film that paved the way for Hitchcock’s later work by revealing his psychological attraction to the association between sex and murder.

With live musical accompaniment by Hank Troy on piano. Total running time: 89 minutes

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Wednesday, June 24, 7:00 PM; \$12.00 (\$6.00 Concert Member & children under 12)

The beautiful film adaptation “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs [sic],” based on the 1912 Broadway play of the beloved fairy tale, was recently restored by the National Film Preservation Foundation.

With live musical accompaniment by Hank Troy on piano. Also featured: The Charlie Chaplin short, “The Adventurer.” Total running time: 87mins

Steamboat Bill Jr.

Tuesday, June 30, 7:30 PM; \$12.00 (\$6.00 Concert Member & children under 12)

“Steamboat Bill Jr.” is Buster Keaton’s final independent production before he was hired by MGM and is a comic masterpiece that represents the full breadth of his remarkable talents.

Starring Buster Keaton with live musical accompaniment by The Mont Alto Motion Picture Orchestra. Also featured: Buster Keaton’s short, “Daydreams.” Total running time: 96 minutes

Nosferatu

Monday, July 6, 7:30 PM; \$12.00 (\$6.00 Concert Member & children under 12)

F.W. Murnau’s classic vampire movie that depicts Dracula as a nightmarish, spidery-creature with a bulbous head and talon-like claws - perhaps the most genuinely disturbing incarnation of vampirism yet envisioned.

With live musical accompaniment by Hank Troy on piano. Running time: 84 minutes

Why Worry?

Saturday, July 11, 7:30 PM; \$12.00 (\$6.00 Concert Member & children under 12)

When the young, wealthy hypochondriac Harold sails to the small nearby island of El Paradiso for respite, he remains blissfully unaware that he is in the midst of a revolution. When he is separated from his nurse and valet, he is imprisoned, where he meets a friendly giant, Colosso. The two unlikely partners engineer an escape and together, they quell the revolution in this classic comedy.

Starring Harold Lloyd with live musical accompaniment by Hank Troy on piano. Also featured: The Charlie Chaplin short, “The Count.” Total running time: 88 minutes

People on Sunday

Wednesday, July 22, 7:30 PM; \$12.00 (\$6.00 Concert Member & children under 12)

Hailed as a work of genius, this hybrid of documentary and fictional storytelling is notable not only for its portrayal of daily life in Berlin shortly before Adolf Hitler became Chancellor, but also as an early work of future Hollywood writer and director Billy Wilder.

With live musical accompaniment by The Mont Alto Motion Picture Orchestra. Also featured: The Charley Chase short, "Mama Behave." Total running time: 95 minutes

Three Ages

Wednesday, July 29, 7:30 PM; \$12.00 (\$6.00 Concert Member & children under 12)

A wonderfully fun comedy, "Three Ages" is teeming with inventive flourishes and follows the hard-luck romantic adventures of a man throughout world history: from the Stone Age, through Ancient Rome, to streets of the American Jazz Era.

Starring Buster Keaton, with live musical accompaniment by Hank Troy on piano. Also featured: Buster Keaton's short, "One Week." Total running time: 88 minutes

Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse

Wednesday, August 12, 7:30 PM; \$12.00 (\$6.00 Concert Members & children under 12)

The WWI epic and romantic drama "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" had a huge cultural impact when first released, becoming the top-grossing film of the year, beating out Charlie Chaplin's "The Kid." The film turned then little-known Rudolph Valentino into a superstar.

Starring Rudolph Valentino, with live musical accompaniment by Hank Troy on piano and Steve Mullins on guitar. Total running time: 132 minutes

The Trail of 98

Monday, August 17, 7:30 PM; \$12.00 (\$6.00 Concert Member & children under 12)

"The Trail of 98" captures and brings to life local Colorado history on the silver screen with remarkable visuals. Partly filmed at Rollins Pass and other Colorado locations, as well as Alaska, this adventure film follows fortune hunters from all over the country who rush into the Klondike in 1897 to seek their fortunes in gold, and are tested by many hardships along the way.

With live musical accompaniment by The Silent Cinema Trio. Total running time: 87 minutes

The Great Dictator

Tuesday, August 25, 7:30 PM; \$10.00 (\$5.00 Concert Members & children under 12)

"The Great Dictator" is Charlie Chaplin's first talkie and a satirical political comedy, which he directed, scored, produced and stars in. The film offers a stirring, controversial condemnation of Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini's fascism, anti-Semitism and the Nazis.

Total running time: 125 minutes

TICKET INFORMATION:

- Tickets are available for purchase online at www.chautauqua.com
- Walk up and phone sales are also available. Prior to May 18, the Box Office is open from 1 – 4 p.m., Monday through Friday via phone or on the second floor of the Academic Hall. Chautauqua Box Office Kiosk hours beginning May 18: 1- 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 1- intermission on Auditorium event days.
- CCA members receive discounts on select tickets.
- A ticket package is also available for the complete film series.

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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.

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