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Celebrating 120 Years of the Colorado Chautauqua

Birthday celebration on July 4, 2018

BOULDER, Colo. (June 26, 2018) – The Colorado Chautauqua Association (CCA) invites the community to join us for a free and family-friendly celebration of the 120th anniversary of the Colorado Chautauqua, Boulder’s only National Historic Landmark!

Join us on the 4th of July from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the Chautauqua Green for music, food and fun. The [Boulder Concert Band](#), one of the premier community bands in the state, composed of over 70 volunteer musicians, will be playing two sets of Americana music, including John Philip Sousa’s “Stars and Stripes Forever,” starring any kid conductor willing to give it a try.

Bring your appetite and let the staff of the Chautauqua Dining Hall take care of the rest. The Dining Hall will be serving delicious BBQ-style cuisine on the stone patio, fresh baked goods, grab-n-go snacks and a \$1.20 single-scoop ice cream in the General Store. Feeling thirsty? Stop by the Chautauqua Dining Hall for happy hour prices on beer and wine.

“We are so excited about this upcoming celebration! Chautauqua has survived and thrived for 120 years largely because the community shares our values of voluntary simplicity, lifelong learning, and love of nature, music and the arts,” said CCA’s Executive Director, Shelly Benford. “These types of family-friendly events provide much-needed respite from the hectic pace of daily life.”

For more details about this free celebratory event for the public, visit www.chautauqua.com.

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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 or event photos, or to arrange interviews with executive director Shelly Benford, please contact Shannon Bock at Shannon.bock@chautauqua.com or 303.952.1638.