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**Colorado Chautauqua Association announces its 2011 Summer Season**  
*Nationally acclaimed musicians to perform at Boulder's National Historic Landmark  
Educational forums, silent films and family events on deck for an enlightening summer*

BOULDER, Colo. (April 13, 2011) —Colorado Chautauqua Association, the steward of Boulder's cultural and historical gem the Colorado Chautauqua National Historic Landmark, today unveiled its 2011 Summer Concert Series. The eclectic line-up of a dozen concerts includes popular, award-winning artists Lyle Lovett, John Hiatt, Josh Ritter, k.d. Lang, Indigo Girls, Jonny Lang and The Weepies, among others. Concerts are held inside the 113-year-old Chautauqua Auditorium, beloved by musicians and audience members for its all wooden 'barn-like' architecture and superb, rich acoustics. Tickets for Colorado Chautauqua Association (CCA) Members will go on sale as part of CCA's "Member Advantage Week," beginning April 30 at 10:00 a.m., and online to the general public on May 7.

The 2011 Chautauqua Summer Season is made possible by Flatirons Bank, Whole Foods Market, Crestone Capital Advisors, Namaste Solar, Pharmaca Integrative Pharmacy, St. Charles Capital; Shoemaker, Ghiselli and Schwartz, 97.3 KBCO, *Daily Camera*, and the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD).

The Colorado Chautauqua's 2011 summer season also includes enriching offerings for all ages: classic silent films, educational and literary forums and fun family events. And the 31<sup>st</sup> season of Colorado Music Festival will run June 26 through August 5.

**Chautauqua 2011 Summer Concert Series and Events:**

Comedian Paula Poundstone, presented by KUNC  
Sat., May 21, 8:00 p.m. (Chautauqua Auditorium) - \$25 - \$42.50 (\$22 - \$39.50 for Members)  
Free HOP 2 Chautauqua Shuttle available.

Paula Poundstone, one of the foremost comics working today, entertains with intelligent, philosophical comedy drawing on her own complex life: three kids, 13 cats, motherhood, a demanding job and crazy travel schedule, her frustration at getting older, and a bag of neuroses, including her famous inability to ever shut up. Poundstone is a regular panelist on NPR's hit weekly news quiz show, "Wait Wait Don't Tell Me" and was the first woman to win the cable ACE for best standup comedy special, and the first woman to be invited to entertain at the prestigious White House Correspondents dinner. [www.paulapoundstone.com](http://www.paulapoundstone.com)

Bruce Cockburn  
Fri., May 27, 8:00 p.m. (Chautauqua Auditorium) – \$35-\$55 (\$22-52 Members)  
Free HOP 2 Chautauqua Shuttle available.

Over four decades Bruce Cockburn, the celebrated Canadian artist, has traveled to the corners of the earth out of humanitarian concerns—often to trouble spots that have led to some of his most memorable songs. *Small Source of Comfort*, Cockburn's 31st album, is his latest collection of songs of romance, protest and spiritual discovery. The album is rich in Cockburn's characteristic blend of folk, blues, jazz and rock. Many of the new compositions come from his travels and spending time in places like San Francisco and Brooklyn to the Canadian Forces base in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Cockburn will be accompanied on this tour by violinist Jenny Scheinman, best known for her work with Bill Frisell and Norah Jones, and long-time accompanist Gary Craig on percussion. [www.brucecockburn.com](http://www.brucecockburn.com)

#### Mary Chapin Carpenter and Shawn Colvin

Thurs., June 16, 8:00 p.m. (Chautauqua Auditorium) - \$37.50 - 62.50 (\$34.50 - 59.50 Members)  
Free HOP 2 Chautauqua Shuttle available.

With eight Grammys between them, this is a not-to-be missed evening with two very talented artists and audience favorites - Mary Chapin Carpenter and Shawn Colvin- together for the first time at Chautauqua. By combining folk, country, acoustic, rock and blues, Chapin Carpenter has proven herself to be an artist for whom the conventional boundaries of the music business disappear. The *Age of Miracles* is the twelfth studio album from five-time Grammy award-winning Chapin Carpenter, including one Grammy-winning and two Grammy-nominated albums. Shawn Colvin stands out as a singular and enduring talent. The three-time Grammy winner has released eight albums to date, including the platinum *A Few Small Repairs* which featured the hit song "Sunny Came Home." Her most recent studio album, *These Four Walls*, was lauded by People Magazine as "the most self-assured album of her career" and "one for the ages" by the Washington Post. [www.marychapincarpenter.com](http://www.marychapincarpenter.com) and [www.shawncolvin.com](http://www.shawncolvin.com)

#### Lyle Lovett and John Hiatt

Sun., June 19, 8:00 p.m. (Chautauqua Auditorium) - \$55 - 85 (\$52 - 82 Members)  
Free HOP 2 Chautauqua Shuttle available.

Lyle Lovett's and John Hiatt's intimate acoustic show will feature both artists performing side-by-side, alternating songs from their respective careers. Utilizing their dynamic chemistry to mix witty banter with finely crafted country, swing, folk, and blues, Lovett and Hiatt have been touring together in one fashion or another since 1989. Four-time Grammy Award winner Lovett has created his own style of Americana music in a career that spans 14 albums including the recent *Natural Forces*. Lovett defies convention by fusing elements of the blues, country, folk, gospel and jazz with a unique gift for storytelling, as evidenced by such well-known songs as "If I Had a Boat," "She's No Lady," and "My Baby Don't Tolerate." John Hiatt is currently on the road in support of his 19th studio release *The Open Road* (New West Records). Known for his extraordinary songwriting talent, Hiatt was inducted into the Nashville Songwriter's Hall of Fame in 2008 and also was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award in Songwriting from The Americana Music Association. Hiatt has written songs covered by artists in a wide variety of genres such as Bob Dylan, Rosanne Cash, Willie Nelson, Jewel and Bonnie Raitt, who most famously recorded "Thing Called Love." [www.lylelovet.com](http://www.lylelovet.com) and [www.johnhiatt.com](http://www.johnhiatt.com)

#### Indigo Girls

Sat., July 16, 8:00 p.m. (Chautauqua Auditorium) - \$35 - 60 (\$32 - 58 Members)  
Free HOP 2 Chautauqua Shuttle available.

For more than two decades, Indigo Girls Amy Ray and Emily Saliers have presented some of their best music in front of cheering crowds – sometimes in the cramped confines of a small club, sometimes in a vast arena packed with thousands. The Grammy-winning singer-songwriters celebrate their long-standing passion for live

performances on their upcoming release, *Staring Down the Brilliant Dream* on IG Recordings/Vanguard Records. Available on June 29, the two-disc CD features 31 songs, each hand-selected by the duo to capture the most memorable moments during their shows from 2006 to 2009. The CD documents the three-year run of concerts, but also reminds both their longtime fans and casual followers that the Indigos still consider live shows “the most vibrant part of what we do,” Ray says. [www.indigogirls.com](http://www.indigogirls.com)

#### Josh Ritter and The Royal City Band

Wed., July 20, 8:00 p.m. (Chautauqua Auditorium) - \$25 - 45 (\$22 - 42 Members)  
Free HOP 2 Chautauqua Shuttle available.

In high school, Josh Ritter discovered Johnny Cash and Bob Dylan's "Girl From The North Country" and was inspired to follow his muse as a songwriter and performer. Recently, Ritter was included in *Paste Magazine's* 100 greatest living songwriters, among such luminaries as Dylan, Springsteen and Young and his latest album, *So Runs The World Away* was named one of the 50 Favorite Albums of 2010 by NPR Music, and one of the Top 10 Albums of 2010 by NPR's Bob Boilen. The Idaho singer-songwriter's music ranges from exquisite pop to dark Americana. With his first novel, "Bright's Passage," due out this summer, Ritter's talents seem limitless. [www.joshritter.com](http://www.joshritter.com)

#### k.d. lang

Wed., August 3, 8:00 p.m. (Chautauqua Auditorium) - \$55 - 85 (\$52 - 82 Members)  
Free HOP 2 Chautauqua Shuttle available.

Twenty five years ago k.d. lang launched her career with a blend of country-rock stylings and playfully punk-like attitude. Back then, she practically put the alternative in alt-country. Since then Lang has won both Juno Awards and Grammy Awards for her musical performances and her hits include "Constant Craving" and "Miss Chatelaine." She has contributed songs to movie soundtracks and teamed with musicians such as Roy Orbison, Tony Bennett, Elton John and Anne Murray. Lang is also known for being a vegan and an activist for animal rights, gay rights and Tibetan human rights. Lang and her Siss Boom Bang band will be sharing the music from her newest album, *Sing it Loud*, for an undoubtedly magical evening of music. [www.kdlang.com](http://www.kdlang.com)

#### Los Lobos and Los Lonely Boys

Sat., August 6, 8:00 p.m. (Chautauqua Auditorium) - \$45 - 70 (\$42 - 67 Members)  
Free HOP 2 Chautauqua Shuttle available.

Enjoy this special acoustic and electric show from two of Chautauqua's most popular artists, Los Lobos and Los Lonely Boys. More than three decades have passed since Los Lobos released their debut album, *Just Another Band from East L.A.* Since then they've repeatedly disproven that title—Los Lobos isn't "just another" anything, but rather a band that has consistently evolved artistically while never losing sight of their humble roots. For Grammy nominated *Tin Can Trust*—Los Lobos' first release and first collection of new original material in four years—the venerable quintet reconnected directly with those roots by returning to East L.A. Los Lonely Boys are now carving out their legend with their fourth studio album, *Rockpango*, which is a spirit and sound coined by Los Lonely Boys that takes the next step from fandango (a beat of loving celebration) and then huapango (another infectious Latin rhythm that gets the fiesta cooking) to a full-scale Tex-Mex American roots rock party galore. [www.loslobos.org](http://www.loslobos.org) and [www.loslonelyboys.com](http://www.loslonelyboys.com)

#### Marc Cohn

Sun., August 7, 8:00 p.m. (Chautauqua Auditorium) - \$30 - 57.50 (\$27 - 54.50 Members)  
Free HOP 2 Chautauqua Shuttle available.

Join Grammy Award winning singer-songwriter Marc Cohn for a magical summer evening of some of his most popular and newest music. Cohn has been obsessed with pop music for as long as he can remember. 1970 was a milestone for Marc – and for pop culture at large, given the unprecedented range of notable artists who made the charts that year. On his latest album, *Listening Booth: 1970*, Cohn doesn't merely recreate the sounds of this storied time, he transforms songs. These highly personal interpretations say as much about Cohn's own history – his experiences, his memories, his inspirations – as about the legacy of these songs. They've been so creatively and confidently re-imagined, and sung with such feeling, they practically feel brand new. [www.marccohn.net](http://www.marccohn.net)

#### Andrew Bird

Wed., August 10, 8:00 p.m. (Chautauqua Auditorium) - \$30 - 55 (\$27 - 52 Members)  
Free HOP 2 Chautauqua Shuttle available.

Since age four, Chicago-based songwriter and performer Andrew Bird has been playing music ranging from classical to early country blues, but has spent the past 13 years writing pop music infused with unconventional violin, glockenspiel, guitar, and his trademark whistling. He has released 11 albums, most recently the widely lauded *Noble Beast* in 2009, which has received praise from *Esquire*, *The New York Times Magazine*, and NPR, among others. Amazon.com recently named Bird's album *Mysterious Production of Eggs*, including original artwork by Jay Ryan, one of the "100 Greatest Indie Rock Albums of All Time." [www.andrewbird.net](http://www.andrewbird.net)

#### Jonny Lang and J.J. Grey & Mofro

Fri., August 12, 8:00 p.m. (Chautauqua Auditorium) - \$30 - 57.50 (\$27 - 54.50 Members)  
Free HOP 2 Chautauqua Shuttle available.

Jonny Lang has been called a blues guitar prodigy, a virtuoso, and a once-in-a-generation blues artist. His debut solo album, *Lie to Me*, was recorded when he was just 15 years old. It went platinum; as did the following year's release, *Wander This World*. Lang spent his teenage years with guitar legends like B.B. King and Buddy Guy and toured almost non-stop with the Rolling Stones, Aerosmith, Blues Traveler, Jeff Beck and Sting. Altogether, he has recorded five albums and earned two Grammy nominations. Debuting in 2001 with the CD *Blackwater*, following up in 2004 with *Lochloosa*, JJ Grey has steadily built his following one live performance at a time. Both albums (reissued by Alligator in 2007) were met with critical acclaim, including "one of the 10 best R&B records of the year and one of the best of the decade" at Amazon.com for *Blackwater* and "one of the 10 best releases of the year" in *Rolling Stone* for *Lochloosa*. [www.jjgrey.com](http://www.jjgrey.com) and [www.jonnylang.com](http://www.jonnylang.com)

#### The Weepies

Sat., August 27, 8:00 p.m. (Chautauqua Auditorium) – Ticket prices TBD  
Free HOP 2 Chautauqua Shuttle available.

Indie pop-folk band The Weepies, fronted by singer-songwriters Deb Talan and Steve Tannen, received mainstream attention with their second album, *Say I Am You*. In February 2006, the album reached #1 on iTunes' list of most-downloaded folk albums in eight countries. The single "World Spins Madly On" from the album hit #1 on iTunes' U.S. folk song charts. The Weepies music, often described as "subtly intoxicating folk-pop," has been featured on many popular TV shows and movies including "Grey's Anatomy," "Everwood," "One Tree Hill," "Scrubs," "How I Met Your Mother," "Gossip Girl," "Life Unexpected," the "Sex and the City" movie and "Morning Glory." The Weepies' song "Can't Go Back Now" was featured in a prominent campaign ad for Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign.

#### **Chautauqua Silent Film Series Preview:**

For a true 'only-at-Chautauqua' experience this summer's Silent Film Series is focused on laughter featuring the royalty of silent films – Buster Keaton, Charlie Chaplin and Mary Pickford. Each film is accompanied by a live musical accompaniment. The full schedule is found at Chautauqua's website:

[http://www.chautauqua.com/silent\\_film\\_series.php](http://www.chautauqua.com/silent_film_series.php)

#### **Chautauqua Literary Series Preview:**

The Chautauqua Literary Series presents four award-winning authors. The series offers an intelligent look into literary stories and the important issues and events they each reveal. Author such as Colorado Poet Laureate David Mason and Jenny Shank will speak on their works and related topics. The full schedule is found at Chautauqua's website: [http://www.chautauqua.com/forums\\_and\\_family.php](http://www.chautauqua.com/forums_and_family.php). All events will take place at the Chautauqua Community House at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10, \$7 for members, and can be purchased at: <http://www.chautauqua.com/tickets.htm>.

#### **Chautauqua 2011 Summer Forum Series Preview:**

Paying homage to the original Chautauqua movement, the Forum Series explores ideas, trends and issues relevant to the community through engaging lectures from scientists, philanthropists, politicians and thought leaders. Featured events include Ignite Boulder 15 on Thursday, May 19, a night of impromptu presentations where speakers have exactly five minutes to teach something, enlighten, or simply inspire the audience, and "How the West was Warmed" with author Beth Conover and friends on August 18. The full schedule will be released April 22 at [www.chautauqua.com](http://www.chautauqua.com).

#### **Chautauqua 2011 Summer Family Event Preview:**

Family events will be highlighted this summer featuring interactive performances of Hansel and Gretel with Theatre-Hikes Colorado, a musical afternoon with Jeff Kagan, and many more activities that offer fun and discovery for the entire family. The full schedule will be released April 22 at [www.chautauqua.com](http://www.chautauqua.com).

#### **Ticket Information:**

- April 30 - May 6: Member Advantage Week - CCA members may buy tickets a week before the general public and receive a \$3 discount on select tickets. Tickets available online and by phone at 303.440.7666 beginning at 10 a.m.
- May 6: 97.3 KBCO Interactive Members may purchase tickets online at [www.chautauqua.com](http://www.chautauqua.com).
- May 7: General public tickets available online and by phone at 303.440.7666 beginning at 10 a.m.
- May 9: The Chautauqua Box Office opens for walk-up ticket sales between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday throughout the summer season.
- All tickets are subject to a service fee.

#### **Transportation:**

- There will be a convenient and free HOP 2 Chautauqua shuttle for many events. The schedule is available [online](#).

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#### **The Colorado Chautauqua Association**

The Colorado Chautauqua Association is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that preserves the historic Chautauqua site in Boulder, Colo., and perpetuates the spirit of the Chautauqua movement, building community through unique cultural, educational, social and recreational experiences. The CCA serves as the steward of Chautauqua. It leases from the City of Boulder and has full responsibility for 26 acres of Chautauqua Park, home of many public buildings, gardens and 99 cottages, 58 of which are available for rental. The Colorado Chautauqua was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2006.

For more information about the Colorado Chautauqua Association, visit [www.chautauqua.com](http://www.chautauqua.com). For access to historic photos, or to arrange interviews with executive director Susan Connelly, call Jen Marshall at 303-449-2108, ext. 18.