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**Theatre comes to Boulder:
John Lithgow to perform "Stories By Heart" at Chautauqua presented by new Boulder
production company, LOCAL**

First theatrical performance at the historic Chautauqua Auditorium in decades

BOULDER, Colo. (July 6, 2011) – As the first theatrical production at the Chautauqua Auditorium in decades, the extraordinary John Lithgow will perform his one-man theatrical memoir, *Stories By Heart* on Sunday, August 28, 2011. The production is presented by LOCAL Theatre Company which is a new professional theater company in Boulder with a mission to put Boulder and Colorado center stage in the world of theater and new play development. *Stories By Heart* will be the award winning actor's first time performing in Colorado and the renewal of theatre to Colorado Chautauqua Association's expanding event line up. A special "Meet and Greet" reception with Mr. Lithgow will follow the performance.

"Chautauqua is honored to host a Tony, Emmy, and Golden Globe Award winning actor at our historic Auditorium," said Susan Connelly, executive director for the Colorado Chautauqua Association. "By partnering with LOCAL Theatre Company we hope that this will be the beginning of additional theatrical performances in Boulder and at Chautauqua."

"We believe that producing high-quality theater requires attracting the best artists in our community and from around the country," said Pesha Rudnick, artistic director at LOCAL Theater Company. "The Front Range community is ready for theater in Boulder and we think the uniqueness of the Chautauqua Auditorium will create an unparalleled experience."

Stories By Heart offers a touching and humorous reflection on storytelling as the tie that binds humanity. Invoking memories of his grandmother and father before him, Mr. Lithgow traces his roots as an actor and storyteller, interspersing his own story with two great stories that were read to him and his siblings when they were children: "Uncle Fred Flits By" by P.G. Wodehouse and "Haircut" by Ring Lardner. In the first Lithgow performs with zany abandon, portraying ten distinct, outrageous characters (including a parrot). By contrast, "Haircut" is a darkly comic look at Midwestern American implacability. This production will follow his appearances at New York's Lincoln Center and London's National Theatre.

LOCAL Theater Company's inaugural season will present John Lithgow's *Stories By Heart*, launch the LOCAL LAB New Play Festival, and begin pre-production on a world-premiere of new full-length play. For more information visit www.localtheatercompany.org.

Event Details:

Stories by Heart, starring John Lithgow

Sunday, Aug 28, 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$41.50 - \$81.50 (\$38.50 - 78.50 for members)

Meet & Greet post performance reception at 9:30 p.m. in the Chautauqua Community House. Tickets: \$75 (does not include show ticket)

Free HOP 2 Chautauqua Shuttle available. The schedule is available [online](#).

Ticket Information:

- Tickets are on sale now online at www.chautauqua.com, by phone at 303.440.7666, and at the Chautauqua Box Office which is open for walk-up ticket sales between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday throughout the summer season.
- Chautauqua Members receive a \$3 discount
- All tickets are subject to a service fee.

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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. For access to historic photos, or to arrange interviews with executive director Susan Connelly, call Jen Marshall at 303-449-2108, ext. 18.