



The Fifty-seventh Annual

Conference on World Affairs

“LA DOLCE VITA”

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BOUDLER, March 16 – The Fifty-seventh Annual Conference on World Affairs will be held **April 4-8, 2005** on the University of Colorado’s Boulder campus. The week’s broad array of panels, plenaries and performances are all free and open to the public. The full schedule of over 200 events may be viewed **Friday, March 18** at www.colorado.edu/cwa

This year’s overriding theme is **“La Dolce Vita.”** Conference Director James Palmer, comments,

“This year’s theme, *La Dolce Vita*, captures the spirit and complexity of the Conference on World Affairs. The Conference is a communal celebration of camaraderie, storytelling, and jazz--good things that make life not only bearable, but also sweet and joyful. For those familiar with Fellini’s classic film, which is also the focus of Roger Ebert’s April “Cinema Interruptus,” the phrase is ironic. Fellini’s sweet life refers to the cynical society of bored, alienated people, who are committed to no one and nothing. The CWA is simultaneously our opportunity to address important issues with the hope of becoming more informed and engaged.”

Highlighting the schedule are perennial CWA favorites: the Tuesday evening jazz concert at 8 p.m., April 5 in Macky Auditorium and Roger Ebert’s weeklong *Cinema Interruptus*. Ebert will be analyzing Federico Fellini’s 1960 classic *La Dolce Vita* daily at 4 p.m., April 4-8 in Macky Auditorium.

This year’s keynote address will be delivered by syndicated columnist Charles Krauthammer. The speech, entitled “Let Freedom Ring: America, The World’s Revolutionary,” will be preceded by the CWA’s traditional opening procession through the avenue of flags through Norlin Quadrangle and leading into Macky Auditorium at 11:15 a.m. on Monday, April 4.

New to the CWA this year will be the addition of three venues on the **Hill**. The 57th Conference on World Affairs in conjunction with the Hill Alliance and the City of Boulder University Hill General Improvement District Advisory Board (UHGID), will bring close to 30 CWA events to the Flatirons Theater, the Hilltop Plaza and Buchanan's Coffee Pub. The Flatirons Theater will host CWA favorites Roger Ebert, Molly Ivins and Senator Tim Wirth, among others. The Hilltop Plaza will cover such topics as: parenting, historical documentation, the state of education, and democracy in Southeast Asia. Buchanan's Coffee Pub's intimate upstairs setting offers an array of discussions exploring the creative side of living in our world.

The University of Colorado's Conference on World Affairs was founded in 1948, originally as a forum on international affairs. CWA expanded rapidly to encompass music, literature, environment, science, journalism, visual arts, diplomacy, technology, spirituality, film, politics, business, medicine, human rights and so on.

Every year in April approximately 100 participants representing a wide range of expertise gather in Boulder for what *The New York Times* calls "a week-long extravaganza of discussion and debate" on over 200 non-academic, cross-disciplinary panels, plenary sessions and performances.

The Conference challenges its participants to discuss a wide-range of issues on an impromptu basis—offering a refreshing alternative to the specialized gatherings of academia and the business world. According to columnist Molly Ivins, CWA panels offer "astonishing, cross-disciplinary insights, whole new ways of looking at old questions and information that can transform the way you look at things." Ebert, who has made the annual trek to Boulder in April as a participant for 35 years, has dubbed the CWA the "Conference on Everything Conceivable."

Past participants at the Conference include Studs Terkel, Simon Hoggart, Dave Grusin, Andrei Codrescu, R. E. "Ted" Turner, Steve Allen, Paolo Soleri, Yitzhak Rabin, Ralph Nader, Norman Cousins, Henry Kissinger, Arthur Miller, Howard Nemerov, R. Buckminster Fuller, George McGovern and Eleanor Roosevelt.

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