



*The Fifty-fifth Annual*

## Conference on World Affairs

*"The Power of an Idea"*

### Jean Houston's Plenary Address

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#### **55th ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON WORLD AFFAIRS** **ANNOUNCES JEAN HOUSTON PLENARY:**

#### *"The World in Transition: The Possible Human as Social Artist"*

(Boulder) – March 17, 2003 – Jean Houston believes that today's leaders suffer from a lack of human resourcefulness—and alternatively offers a model of "the Social Artist...someone who seeks innovative solutions to today's troubling conditions." Her Conference on World Affairs plenary address at 3 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2003 in Macky Auditorium on the University of Colorado's Boulder campus will explore her vision of "social artistry"—a future of human social organization based on new methods of leadership. As always, CWA events are free and open to the public.

Scholar and researcher Jean Houston has co-directed the Foundation for Mind Research for the past 37 years with her husband, Dr. Robert Masters. Their work has focused on the understanding of latent human abilities. -Houston was a protégé of the late anthropologist Margaret Mead, who instructed Houston in organizational and power structures in many different cultures. In addition, Houston is well known for her work with late mythologist Joseph Campbell. Houston and Campbell frequently co-lead seminars and workshops aimed at understanding interrelationships between ancient myths and modern societies.

Every year in April approximately 100 participants representing a wide range of backgrounds gather on the University of Colorado's Boulder campus for the Conference on World Affairs. The *New York Times* refers to the CWA as "a week-long extravaganza of discussion and debate" with over 200 non-academic, cross-disciplinary panels, plenary sessions and performances attended by an audience of about 40,000.

**For further information, feel free to contact Ramsay Thurber at 303.492.2526, or e-mail the Conference on World Affairs at [cwa@colorado.edu](mailto:cwa@colorado.edu) . The full CWA schedule will be posted on the Conference web site by March 23: [www.colorado.edu/cwa](http://www.colorado.edu/cwa) .**

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