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**“BULLY!” THEODORE ROOSEVELT – A ROUGH RIDER IN THE WHITE HOUSE – TAKES
THE STAGE FOR THE AMERICAN SPIRIT SERIES APRIL 21**
–Renowned Chautauquan Clay Jenkinson Brings TR to Life
For a Look at America 100 years ago – and Today

DENVER – Historian and scholar Dr. Clay Jenkinson will bring to life a President of the United States seen as stubborn but playful, a man of action, an Eastern blue-blood turned rancher intent on leading America to a new role on the world stage – not today’s White House occupant, but the man who transformed the office 100 years ago, Theodore Roosevelt.

The legendary TR – a childhood weakling who became a keen athlete, a devoted hunter who also created the conservation movement, the Republican who took on America’s biggest companies – will live again in The American Spirit Series on Thursday, April 21, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at historic Trinity Methodist Church in downtown Denver. The evening benefits the Colorado Endowment for the Humanities, which sponsors The American Spirit Series.

“In any poll of historians or American citizens Theodore Roosevelt ranks among the top five of presidents of the United States. He certainly is one of the two or three most colorful individuals who ever held the highest office,” said Jenkinson, who many history buffs know best for his portrayals of Thomas Jefferson. In the tradition of Chautauqua, a bringing to life of historical figures in character and costume, Jenkinson will explore Roosevelt’s world, and then turn to the issues of today, using Roosevelt’s perspective.

Tickets for this special evening of history, priced at \$35, are available on the CEH Web site at www.ceh.org, or by calling 303-894-7951, ext. 10.

The event is the fourth annual celebration of great historical figures presented by The American Spirit Series. Jenkinson, who has brought Thomas Jefferson to life for Denver audiences, now recreates “half of Mount Rushmore,” he says, with his recent portrayals of TR.

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Jenkinson is the host of “The Thomas Jefferson Hour,” a syndicated weekly radio program and was the principal on-air commentator in Ken Burns’ PBS series on the third President. Jenkinson was recognized for his groundbreaking work in the Chautauqua format with one of the five national Endowment for the Humanities awards for excellence presented by President George H.W. Bush, and brought Thomas Jefferson to life in a program for the Clinton White House in 1994.

The American Spirit Series raises funds for the Colorado Endowment for the Humanities, which reaches out to more than 200,000 people and 30 counties in Colorado each year through grants, programs, institutes and special events about the humanities. These include the statewide K-12 *Young Chautauqua* program, where students in grade school through high school can research and learn to develop their own Chautauqua characters.

The Colorado Endowment for the Humanities is the only nonprofit statewide organization dedicated exclusively to supporting the humanities. The organization’s goal is to engage all Coloradans in the humanities, which include literature, history, philosophy, archaeology, art history and other related disciplines. Through National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) funds, CEH also provides grants to other Colorado nonprofits, helping extend humanities education and influence beyond the classrooms to a broader public.

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