

DANCE: JAZZ DANCE WORKSHOP IN BOULDER — 7D

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**Amiee Buchwald, front,** and Casey Daboll, back, try a new routine using umbrellas while Michelle Baldwin, seated left, watches. The three are members of Burlesque As It Was, a Denver-based group that performs the vintage form of striptease.

# Taking it off takes off Burlesque experiencing a revival

By Jennie Dorris • For the Camera

In a time when you can find a link to the Paris Hilton sex video in your e-mail inbox, when reality television encourages hopeful bachelorettes into tiny bikinis and steamy hot tub scenes and when aging pop stars try to make a comeback by flashing off-limits parts on network television, it seems like an old-fashioned fan dance wouldn't even register on the pop culture radar.

However, burlesque, a vintage form of striptease, has cut through the acceleration of modern sexuality and halted it right back in the '20s ... and '40s ... and '60s ... and, quite frankly, whatever decade and diva the modern dancers want to emulate.

Clubs in Denver have been hosting these PG-13 acts as large, vaudeville-esque productions (think pinup girls and peek-a-boo strippers out of the '40s

and '50s), and also in conjunction with live music for the past three years. Just as the trend skyrockets nationally with Dita Von Teese, a Playboy model and burlesque girl, starlets such as Christina Aguilera, Carmen Electra and Gwen Stefani have hit the stage sporting the vintage, sexy style while appearing with cabaret and burlesque group Pussycat Revue in its Hollywood shows.

"I think people have seen it all and nothing is shocking. It's nice to take a refreshing look at sexuality in a more innocent light," says Von Teese.

Boulder venues have begun to flirt with burlesque to spice up the night life, from aerial burlesque dancers Oracle performing with local rock band Devotchkha to Boulder's Dinner Theatre's

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## IF YOU GO

**WHAT** • The Mobster's Ball, featuring Motion for Alliance, King Rat, go-go dancers and burlesque

**WHEN** • 8 p.m. Saturday

**WHERE** • Trilogy Lounge, 2017 13th St., Boulder

**TICKETS** • \$10-\$20

**CALL** • (303) 473-9463

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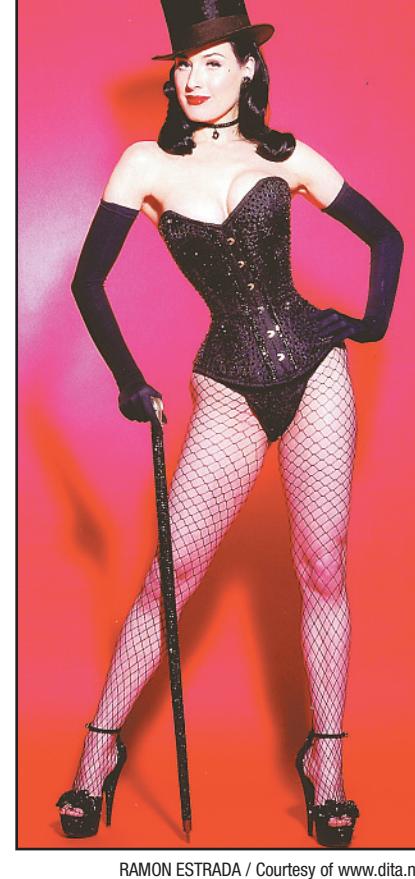
**WHO** • Burlesque dance group Oracle, opening for Catalyst and Aloke Dutta

**WHEN** • 8 p.m. Aug. 6

**WHERE** • Cervantes Masterpiece Ballroom, 2637 Welton St., Denver

**TICKETS** • \$10

**CALL** • (303) 297-1772



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Dita Von Teese

# British violin prodigy Chloe Hanslip debuts at CMF

## COLORADO MUSIC FESTIVAL 2004

### Week Five:

**Talks Under the Tent** pre-concert lecture series: Robert Mealy, member of Spiritus Collective, 6:30 p.m. today; free.

**"Venice Old & New,"** Robert Mealy and Spiritus Collective perform a "Tour of Italian Baroque" with the Festival Chamber Orchestra, playing Picchi, Gabrieli, Massaino, Vivaldi and Albinoni, 7:30 p.m. today; \$10-\$35.

**Dark Horse Quartet**, featuring CMF Orchestra members Calin Lupanu, Monica Boboc, David Filner, Courtney Sedgwick, Matt Lavin, Daniel Laufer and Alexander Laing playing Mozart and Brahms, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday; \$10-\$35.

**Classically Kids workshop,** "Fame," with teen violinist Chloe Hanslip, noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Chautauqua Community House; \$35, includes one free youth ticket

to the corresponding CMF concert on Thursday.

**Talks Under the Tent** pre-concert lecture series: Kelly Dean Hansen, University of Colorado, 6:30 p.m. Thursday; free.

**Ekstrand Performance Series:** John Neurohr, trombone, 6:30 p.m. Friday; free.

**"From the New World,"** Michael Christie conducts the Festival Orchestra with guest artist Chloe Hanslip, violin, playing Copland, Glass and Dvorák, 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday; \$10-\$40.

**All concerts** are held in Chautauqua Auditorium, 900 Baseline Road. For information and tickets, call (303) 440-7666 or visit [www.coloradomusicfest.org](http://www.coloradomusicfest.org).

**Festival rehearsals** are free and open to the public; these take place at Chautauqua Auditorium on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.



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to 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m., and Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

By Wes Blomster

Camera Classical Music Critic

"I'm mature for my age," says Chloe Hanslip, and a brief look at the track record of the 15-year-old British-born violinist makes this the understatement of the year.

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