



## News Release

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### ***Chautauqua-in-Chagrin 2009 Opens on July 14<sup>th</sup> with "State of Mind"***

The 2009 Chautauqua-in-Chagrin series will open on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, with an evening titled "State of Mind." Based upon the theme of the week at the Chautauqua Institution of western New York, the evening will feature two lectures by speakers appearing at Chautauqua that week along with two free concerts by regional musicians. Events will be held in venues in downtown Chagrin Falls; complimentary shuttle busses will be provided from venue to venue

"State of Mind" explores the impact of mental health on physical healing from both spiritual and biological perspectives. The complete schedule is as follows:

#### **3:00 p.m. – Chagrin Falls Library, 100 East Orange Street (FREE)**

Young Readers Program in the Chautauqua Tradition

*Stream Team Detective*, featuring a demonstration of the "Streamulator", a hands-on stream model presented by Ron Etling from the Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District.

#### **6:00 p.m. – United Methodist Church, 20 South Franklin Street**

Lecture: *"The Life of Thomas Merton and Peace of Mind"*

Robert Toth and Frank Peabody – executive director and chair of the board, The Merton Institute for Contemplative Living

Robert Toth is the Executive Director of the Merton Institute for Contemplative Living in Louisville, Kentucky. The Institute works to create greater awareness of contemplative living and to support all who are striving to live a more contemplative life in the secular world. He is the co-editor of *Bridges to Contemplative Living*, a series designed for small group dialogue. Toth received his A.B in Classics and M.A. in Education degrees from John Carroll University and worked in education and healthcare administration for twenty-two years before joining the Merton Institute in 1998.

Chairman of the Board of the Merton Institute for Contemplative Living, Frank Peabody III was a partner in the Management Consultant Firm of Peabody, Kielley, and Associates. He had previously served as Executive Vice-President at Wm. M. Mercer Compensation and Benefits Consultants, and before that as President and COO of Meidinger and Associates in the same

field. He holds a degree in economics from Princeton University. Now an accomplished watercolor artist for whom the process of painting requires a state of serenity and contemplation, he divides his time between Charleston, South Carolina and Woodstock, Vermont.

**6:00 p.m. – Federated Church, 76 Bell Street (FREE)**

Piano Recital: Dmitri Levkovich

Dmitri Levkovich, 2007 medal winner & 2009 contestant, Cleveland International Piano Competition and a native of Ukraine, performs music by Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy and J. Strauss. (Exact program to be announced.)

**7:00 p.m. – Riverside Park (FREE)**

Music in the Park: Rio Neon, a folk-jazz ensemble from Kent, Ohio

**8:00 p.m. – Federated Church, 76 Bell Street**

Lecture: *We Are More Than the Sum of our Parts! Integrative Health, Synergy and the Transcendence of Holism – A Biological Perspective.*

Stephen M. Sagar, M.D. – president, Society for Integrative Oncology

Dr. Stephen Sagar serves as President of the Society for Integrative Oncology, a non-profit, multi-disciplinary organization of professionals dedicated to studying and facilitating cancer treatment and recovery through integrated complementary therapies. A board certified radiation oncologist and associate professor in the departments of Oncology and Medicine at McMaster University, Hamilton, he has contributed to the educational programs of the esteemed oncology associations, ASTRO and ASCO, through the teaching of integrative medicine. He is also a teacher for the pastoral counseling graduate course at Wilfred Laurier University, has published widely and is a member of the editorial boards of *Focus on Alternative and Complementary Medicine*, *Integrative Cancer Therapies*, *Journal of the Society for Integrative Oncology*, and *Current Oncology*. Dr. Sagar received his graduate training in pharmacology and medicine at the University of London. His special interests include mind-body medicine, spirituality and consciousness, and the psychobiology of healing.

Complimentary shuttle bus transportation will be provided from venue to venue beginning at 5:30pm. Maps with parking, restaurant, and shopping suggestions will be mailed with tickets.

*Chautauqua-in-Chagrin* will continue on three Tuesday evenings in July and August, each of which will include a free concert at Federated Church at 6:00pm, a lecture at United Methodist Church at 6:00pm, a free performance in the park for the community-at-large beginning at 7:00pm, and a second lecture at Federated Church at 8:00pm. The dates and themes for those evenings are as follows:

**Tuesday, July 28: *What Makes Us Moral?***

This evening examines differing perspectives on the theory that morality and empathy are deep within human genes. Featured speakers are Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, former general secretary, National Council on Churches, and director of religion of the Chautauqua Institution; and The Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson, Episcopal Bishop of New Hampshire.

**Tuesday, August 11: *Imagine a World at Peace through Compassion***

Two noted religious leaders explore the role of religion in attaining a world of peace. Featured speakers are Karen Armstrong, author, *Charter for Compassion* and winner of the TED prize; and Rev. Dr. James Alexander Forbes, Jr., president, Healing of the Nations Foundation and host, "The Time Is Now" on Air America Radio

**Tuesday, August 18: *Cuba and Its People, Our Neighbors***

A Cuban national and a U.S. policy-maker present their views on a long-troubled relationship now poised for change. Speakers are Ofelia Ortega-Suárez, a member of the Cuban Parliament and professor at Matanzas Seminary, Cuba; and Julia Sweig, senior fellow and director, Latin America Studies, Council on Foreign Relations

Tickets for all evenings are now on sale. "Gate Passes" for individual evenings, which include entry to all of an evening's events, are \$25 for preferred seating and hospitality center and \$15 for general seating. Subscriptions for the entire series of four weeks are \$80 for preferred seating with hospitality center and \$50 for general seating. Individual tickets for the 8:00pm lectures only are \$10 per lecture.

Gate passes and tickets may be purchased at the Chagrin Valley Little Theatre box office (40 River Street/440-247-8955) during box office hours (Monday – Saturday, 1pm – 6pm), through the Your HomeTown – Chagrin Falls Visitors Center (83 North Main Street/440-247-1895), open daily 11am – 3pm, and online at [www.chagrinfoundation.org](http://www.chagrinfoundation.org).

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As part of the Chagrin/Chautauqua collaboration, the Chautauqua Institution is once again offering a "Chagrin Package" to Greater Cleveland residents throughout the summer season, which runs from June 27 through August 30. As part of the "Chagrin Package," area residents may receive discounted rates for accommodations at the historic Athenaeum Hotel and entrance to lectures, symphony, Amphitheater entertainment, chamber music, ballet and all regular Chautauqua programming. For the complete schedule of events, visit [www.ciweb.org](http://www.ciweb.org) or [www.athenaeum-hotel.com](http://www.athenaeum-hotel.com). For *Chagrin at Chautauqua* package details and reservations, call 800.821.1881.

For more information, speakers' biographies, or to schedule an interview, contact the Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture at 440.247.9700 or visit [www.chagrinfoundation.org](http://www.chagrinfoundation.org).

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**Photos: speakers from the Chautauqua Institution to speak in Chagrin Falls  
Sally Kandel of Rio Neon to perform in Riverside Park**