



## News Release

### ***Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture Announces Winter Programming*** **“Chagrin Arts” Series Features Noteworthy Lectures, Music, and Dance**

*December 17, 2007 – Chagrin Falls, Ohio* – The Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture has announced its “Chagrin Arts” winter series that will bring select programs to Chagrin Falls including speakers in the Chautauqua tradition, musicians from the renowned Oberlin Conservatory of Music, and the acclaimed GroundWorks Dancetheater.

“The Chagrin Foundation is pleased to continue to bring stellar arts programming to the Chagrin Valley. Our first winter series features nationally recognized speakers, musicians and dancers—and further supports our commitment to arts partnerships, our community, and the region,” notes Christina Thoburn, Executive Director of the Foundation.

The Chagrin Foundation, created to promote, support, and encourage the development of arts and culture as integral contributors to the quality of life and economic well-being of the Chagrin Valley, presents programs that encourage artistic collaborations and add to the region’s cultural enrichment. Its broader, long-term vision is to create an Arts & Entertainment District in Chagrin Falls.

#### *“Chagrin Arts” Winter Series*

The “Chagrin Arts” winter series begins on Saturday, January 26, with “Chautauqua Saturday”, a daylong lecture series hosted at venues throughout Chagrin Falls. Building upon the success of last summer’s Chautauqua-in-Chagrin series and billed as a “one-day spa for your mind,” the day’s speakers include Ralph G. Williams, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor of English at the University of Michigan and frequent speaker with the Royal Shakespeare Company; Ori Z. Soltes, professorial lecturer in Fine Arts and Theology at Georgetown University and former Director and Curator of the National Jewish Museum; Ross W. Duffin, Kulas Professor of Music at Case Western Reserve University; and The Honorable William Purcell, former Mayor of Nashville. Additionally, and in the Chautauqua tradition of the Young Readers Program, the Chagrin Falls Library hosts the free “Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions,” with an interactive drum performance by Rhythm Culture. Gate passes for the entire day are \$40 for preferred seating and reception with speakers and \$25 for general seating. Individual lecture tickets, if available, will go on sale at \$10/lecture on January 21. Complimentary shuttle bus service is provided from venue to venue.



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On Tuesday, February 19 at 7:30 p.m., Chagrin Arts presents "Artists from Oberlin: Darrett Adkins and Friends" at the United Methodist Church of Chagrin Falls. The program includes works by Schubert, Beethoven and others and features Oberlin faculty musicians Darrett Adkins and Amir Eldan on cello, David Bowlin and Marilyn McDonald on violin and Karen Ritscher on viola. Tickets are \$18/adults and \$10/students.

The series finale on Tuesday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the newly-opened Performing Arts Center of Chagrin Falls High School features a performance by GroundWorks Dancetheater. Hailed as one of "25 to watch" nationally by *Dance Magazine*, GroundWorks performs "Latitude" by Artistic Director David Shimotakahara with live music accompaniment by Hal Walker, the virtual one man band from Kent Ohio; a new work by Artistic Associate Amy Miller; and the ever-popular "Always" by New York guest artist Gina Gibney, set to the music of vocal legend Patsy Cline. Tickets are \$18/adults and \$10/students.

The complete schedule of events for the "Chagrin Arts" winter series is as follows:

**Chautauqua Saturday, a one-day spa for your mind**

Saturday, January 26, 2008

Gate passes for the entire day: \$40/preferred seating and reception with speakers; \$25/general seating

Individual lecture tickets: if available, will go on sale for \$10/lecture on January 21

Complimentary shuttle bus service provided from venue to venue

10:00am, Federated Church, 76 Bell Street

Ralph G. Williams, Professor of English at the University of Michigan

*"Be Your Tears Wet?" Shakespeare, The Sense of Touch, and the Human*

1:30pm, Valley Lutheran Church, 87 East Orange Street

Ori Z. Soltes, Professorial Lecturer at Georgetown University and former Director and Curator of the National Jewish Museum

*Sacred Signs: Shared Symbols in Christian, Jewish and Muslim Art*

1:30pm, Chagrin Valley Little Theatre, 40 River Street

Ross W. Duffin, Kulas Professor of Music at CASE

*Reconstructing Shakespeare's Songbook*

2:00pm, Chagrin Falls Library, 100 East Orange Street

Young Readers Program in the Chautauqua tradition

*Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions*, with special interactive drum performance by Rhythm Culture

3:00pm, Federated Church, 76 Bell Street

The Honorable William Purcell, former Mayor of Nashville

*Title to be announced*



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**Artists from Oberlin: *Darrett Adkins and Friends***

Tuesday, February 19, 2008, 7:30 p.m.

United Methodist Church of Chagrin Falls, 20 South Franklin Street

\$18/adults; \$10/students

Faculty musicians from the renowned Oberlin Conservatory of Music bring their artistry to Chagrin Falls. The program includes the beloved String Quintet in C Major by Franz Schubert, Beethoven's Sonata No. 1 in C Major, Op. 102, for Cello and Piano, and other works to be announced.

**GroundWorks Dancetheater**

Tuesday, April 15, 2008, 7:30 p.m.

Performing Arts Center, Chagrin Falls High School, 400 East Washington Street

\$18/adults; \$10/students

GroundWorks Dancetheater, hailed as one of "25 to watch" nationally by *Dance Magazine*, comes to Chagrin Falls for one performance only. The region's most talked about professional contemporary dance company, GroundWorks performs "Latitude" by Artistic Director David Shimotakahara with live music accompaniment by Hal Walker, the virtual one man band from Kent Ohio. The program also features a new work by Artistic Associate Amy Miller as well as the popular "Always" by New York guest artist Gina Gibney, set to the music of vocal legend Patsy Cline.

*To Purchase Tickets*

Tickets for "Chagrin Arts" may be purchased through the Chagrin Valley Little Theatre box office at 440-247-8955; online at [www.cvlto.org](http://www.cvlto.org); or in person, Monday through Saturday from 1-6 p.m., at 40 River Street. Plan ahead and save: purchase six or more tickets in any combination and save 10%.

*To Obtain Additional Information*

For more information regarding program details, event locations, and pricing for the "Chagrin Arts" series, or to schedule an interview with the speakers and performers, call the Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture at 440-247-9700.

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