

## News Release

### ***Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture Brings Noteworthy Events to the Valley*** **Chagrin Falls and the Chautauqua Institution Establish a Partnership**

*June 21, 2007 – Chagrin Falls, Ohio* – The newly formed Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture has announced a partnership with the Chautauqua Institution that will bring select programs to Chagrin Falls this summer and, in turn, offer special packages to Greater Cleveland residents to visit the Chautauqua Institution.

“The Chautauqua Institution is a highly regarded organization and we are pleased to partner with it for the benefit of area residents. Although the Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture was just recently established, this collaboration fits very well with one of our objectives – to offer worthwhile programs that will augment our local offerings,” comments Dwight Milko, a member of the Foundation’s Board of Directors and a member of the Chagrin Falls Village Council.

The 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, is prepared to support programs that will add to the region’s cultural enrichment. Its broader, long-term vision is to create an Arts & Entertainment District in Chagrin Falls.

#### *About the Chautauqua Institution*

Founded in 1874, the Chautauqua Institution is a nonprofit, 750-acre educational center beside Chautauqua Lake in southwestern New York State, where approximately

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7,500 people are in residence on any day during its nine-week summer season, with more than 145,000 attending scheduled public events that feature lectures by well-known speakers, as well as concerts and arts performances. A National Historic Landmark, its popular summer school draws 8,000 students annually to study art, music, dance, theater, writing, and a variety of special interests. (For more information, visit [www.ciweb.org](http://www.ciweb.org).)

#### *Chautauqua Institution Welcomes Chagrin Valley and Greater Cleveland Residents*

The Chautauqua Institution is offering special three-day, two-night weekend “Taste of Chautauqua” packages to all Greater Cleveland residents. The specially-priced packages include a gate pass for admission to all lectures and programs, opera and theater tickets, overnight accommodations at the historic Athenaeum Hotel, and all meals. The dates for the “Chagrin Falls Package” are July 7-8-9; August 3-4-5; and August 17-18-19 and feature such luminaries as renowned primatologist Jane Goodall; *Time Magazine’s* Nancy Gibson; and Metropolitan Opera General Manager Peter Gelb, in addition to theater and music programs.

Double occupancy is \$554 per person (single occupancy is \$622 per person). Reservations can be made directly through the Chautauqua Institution by calling 800-821-1881. Available to all Greater Cleveland residents, reference to the “Chagrin Falls Package” should still be made when making reservations. For a complete program schedule for these weekends, visit [www.ciweb.org](http://www.ciweb.org).

#### *Chautauqua Institution Offers Programs in Chagrin Falls*

Four Tuesday evening events – “Chautauqua at Chagrin” – have been organized with both Chautauqua and Chagrin resources, to bring a series of lectures, music performances, and book signings to Chagrin Falls this summer, drawing on the Chautauqua Institution’s theme of the week. Patrons can pre-purchase a \$10 gate pass (best value, details below) for admittance to all of the evening’s offerings, or purchase \$10 walk-up tickets at the door for single lectures and performances.

Each evening includes multiple lectures, a music performance, and book signings from 6:00-9:00pm. Events are timed so that gate pass holders can enjoy all segments of the evening. The following programs have been scheduled:

**July 10 – Theme: The Meteoric Rise of India**

6:00pm/Chagrin Valley Little Theatre, 40 River Street  
Lecture: Richard Celeste, “An Ambassador’s Inside Perspective on India”  
President of Colorado College; former Governor of Ohio; former Ambassador to India

6:00pm/Federated Church, 76 Bell Street  
Musical Performance: Brigham Young University Honors String Quartet

7:00pm/Federated Church, 76 Bell Street  
Lecture: Arun Gandhi, “The Legacy of Mohandas Gandhi”  
Founder, The M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence; grandson of Mohandas Gandhi

7:00pm/Riverside Park  
Musical Performance: Hot Jazz 7 (free)

8:00pm/United Methodist Church of Chagrin Falls, 20 South Franklin Street  
Rev. Alastair Symington, “Reflections on The Queen of England”  
Senior Minister at Troon Old Parish Church, Troon Scotland; Chaplain to the Queen in Balmoral.

**July 17 – Theme: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cities**

6:00pm/Chagrin Valley Little Theatre, 40 River Street  
Young Readers Program: *Gossamer*, by Lois Lowery (free)

6:00pm/United Methodist Church of Chagrin Falls, 20 South Franklin Street  
In conversation: “Our Cities Future” – a panel discussion  
The Honorable William Purcell, Mayor of Nashville  
The Honorable Kip Holden, Mayor of Baton Rouge  
The Honorable Jane Campbell, former Mayor of Cleveland

7:00pm/Riverside Park, North Main Street across from Township Hall  
Musical Performance: Madison Crawl (free)

7:00pm/Federated Church, 76 Bell Street  
Musical Performance: Vocalists from the Chautauqua Institution

**July 17 – Theme: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cities (continued)**

8:00pm/Federated Church, 76 Bell Street  
Rev. Dr. James Forbes, “The Time Is Now”  
Retiring Senior Minister, The Riverside Church, and host of “The Time Is Now” on Air America Radio

**July 31 – Sacred Texts in Context: Literalism and Interpretation**

6:00pm/Chagrin Valley Little Theatre, 40 River Street  
Young Readers Program: *Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott* by Russell Freedman (free)

6:00pm/Federated Church, 76 Bell Street  
Dialogue: “Religious Texts – Peace or Problem?”  
Rabbi David Gordis, President, Hebrew College  
Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, Director, Department of Religion, Chautauqua  
Dr. Tazim Kassam, Director of the Graduate School of Religion, Syracuse University

7:00pm/Chagrin Valley Little Theatre, 40 River Street  
Lecture and Book Signing: Karen Armstrong, author, *A History of God: From Abraham to the Present, the 4000 Year Quest for God; Jerusalem: One City, Three Faiths; The Battle for God: Fundamentalism in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*

7:00pm/Riverside Park, North Main Street across from Township Hall  
Musical Performance: Hot Jazz 7 (free)

8:00pm/United Methodist Church of Chagrin Falls, 20 South Franklin Street  
Lecture: Ori Soltes “The Middle East Roots of Conflict”, Professorial Lecturer in Fine Arts and Theology at Georgetown University, as well as a frequent lecturer in the National and Resident Associate Programs at the Smithsonian Institution

**August 21 – Theme: Healing and Healthy Aging**

6:00pm/United Methodist Church of Chagrin Falls, 20 South Franklin Street  
Dialogue: “Aging: Gift and Challenge”  
Dr. James W. Campbell, Director of Geriatrics, MetroHealth Medical Center, Cleveland  
Dr. David A. Lipschitz, Chair, Donald W. Reynolds Department of Geriatrics, University of Arkansas; Director, Reynolds Institute on Aging  
Dr. William Thomas, author, *What Are Old People For?*

7:00pm/Federated Church, 76 Bell Street  
Organ Concert: Jared Jacobsen, Chautauqua Organist

**August 21 – Theme: Healing and Healthy Aging (continued)**

7:00pm/Riverside Park, North Main Street across from Township Hall  
Musical Performance: Thursday Morning Brass (free)  
Joe Prezio, Director

8:00pm/Federated Church, 76 Bell Street  
Lecture: Rev. Otis Moss III, “The Challenge of the Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”  
Pastor, Trinity United Church of Christ Church, Chicago

A “Gate Pass” purchased in advance entitles the holder to all of the evening’s offerings for \$10 and can be purchased at the Chagrin Valley Little Theatre (40 River Street/ 440-247-8955) during box office hours or through Downtown Chagrin Falls (440-247-1895). Walk-up, single event tickets are \$10 at each at the location of the event.

For more information regarding program details, event locations, and pricing for the above “Chautauqua at Chagrin” Tuesday evening series and the “Chagrin Falls Package” at Chautauqua, visit the Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture at [www.chagrinfoundation.org](http://www.chagrinfoundation.org).

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*About the Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture*

The Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture was established by a group of forward-thinking community leaders, citizens, and arts advocates, committed to improving the vitality, quality of life, and economic stability of Chagrin Falls and its surrounding communities, known generally as the Chagrin Valley. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, it has forged important partnerships with local arts organizations, government, and civic groups to advance mutually-held aspirations for the Chagrin Valley.

The stated mission of the Foundation is to promote, support, and encourage the development of arts and culture as integral contributors to the quality of life and the economic well-being of the Chagrin Valley.

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