



## CHAGRIN FOUNDATION FOR ARTS & CULTURE

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### ***Chautauqua in Chagrin series resumes July 31 with a slightly revised schedule***

*July 20, 2007 – Chagrin Falls, Ohio* – The popular Chautauqua in Chagrin series, which is bringing speakers and musicians from the renowned Chautauqua Institution to Chagrin Falls for evenings of lectures, dialogues and performances, will resume on Tuesday, July 31, at 6:00pm at venues throughout the village. Presented by the Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture in partnership with the Chautauqua Institution, the event is titled *Sacred Texts in Context: Literalism and Interpretation*. Scholars, religious leaders and authors will discuss the influence of sacred texts on humankind and look objectively and respectfully at the sacred texts of the Abrahamic Faiths of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

To accommodate a change in the speakers' schedules at Chautauqua, the evening's schedule has been revised slightly. Specifically, the lecture and book signing by author Karen Armstrong has been moved to 6:00pm at the Federated Church; the Dialogue, *Religious Texts – Peace or Problem?*, has been rescheduled to 7:00pm, also at Federated Church. The complete revised schedule is as follows:

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Chautauqua in Chagrin: Tuesday, July 31, 2007

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). Jack Voelker, Director of Recreation and Youth Services and the creator of the Young Readers Program at Chautauqua Institution, will lead an informative conversation about the story of the Montgomery bus boycott.

6:00pm/Federated Church, 76 Bell Street (previously scheduled at 7:00pm at the CVLT)

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/Federated Church, 76 Bell Street (previously scheduled at 6:00pm at Federated)

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/Riverside Park, North Main Street across from Township Hall

Musical Performance: Hot Jazz 7 (free)

(rain location: Township Hall, 83 N. Main St.)

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

The inaugural summer series will conclude on Tuesday, August 21, with an evening of presentations titled *Healing and Healthy Aging*. The schedule for that evening, which remains as originally announced, is the following:

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?*

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

7:00pm/Riverside Park, North Main Street across from Township Hall  
Musical Performance: Thursday Morning Brass (free)  
Paul Weber, Director  
(rain location: Chagrin Valley Little Theatre)

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, 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.