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Chautauqua-in-Chagrin 2008 Kicks Off with *The Ethical Frontiers of Science*

Chautauqua-in-Chagrin 2008, the four-week summer series presented by the Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture, begins on Tuesday, July 15, with *The Ethical Frontiers of Science*, an exploration of the many ethical dilemmas arising from rapid advances in biomedical sciences. Featuring speakers and musicians from the renowned Chautauqua Institution of western New York, the evening will include three lectures, an organ recital and an informal concert in the park, all in near-by venues in Chagrin Falls.

Bioethics experts will discuss the social and ethical implications of biomedical advances and explore thought-provoking questions, such as: Should science aim only at treating disease or also at enhancing our mental and physical capacities? Are we on the verge of discovering a biological basis for morality? Does this pose a threat to familiar notions of free will and moral responsibility? Featuring internationally recognized experts in the field of bioethics, the complete schedule is as follows:

5:30 p.m. – Federated Church, 76 Bell Street (FREE)

Musical Performance – Jared Jacobsen, Organist and Coordinator of Worship and Sacred Music at the Chautauqua Institution

6:30 p.m. – United Methodist Church, 20 South Franklin Street

Embryonic Stem Cell Research: Imaginative Paradigms to Address Ethical Dilemmas

Gerard Magill – Vernon F. Gallagher Chair for the Integration of Science, Philosophy, Theology and Law, Duquesne University.

Formerly Chair and Executive Director of the Center of Health Care Ethics at Saint Louis University, with faculty appointments in the College of Arts and Sciences in Theology and the Schools of Medicine and Public Health, Dr. Magill works primarily in the areas of health care ethics and bioethics. He was the lead author of the Ethics Consultation Liability, a national report commissioned by the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities. Dr. Magill has also held teaching posts in the theology departments of Loyola University in Chicago and at Drygrange College in his native Scotland.

6:30 p.m. – Chagrin Valley Little Theatre, 40 River Street

Medical Therapies, Where In The World Are We?

Martha A. Reitman, MD – president and CEO, Reitman Corporation, Worldwide BioPharma Strategic Development, and chief medical officer, ChinaBio Therapeutics.

As president & CEO of Reitman Corporation, Dr. Reitman leads a company providing worldwide strategic development support to companies developing novel therapeutics and devices for the treatment of human disorders. She has also served as Vice President for Strategic Development for Human Genome Sciences, Inc., and Medical Director and Director of Clinical Research at Advanced Cardiovascular Systems (ACS). In addition, Dr. Reitman has worked closely in collaboration with the Food and Drug Administration for fifteen years in the areas of pharmaceutical, biological, and medical device clinical development and product approvals.

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

Reproductive “Choices” in a Technology-Dominated Society

Judy Norsigian – executive director, Our Bodies, Ourselves; co-author, *Our Bodies, Ourselves*.

In addition to serving as executive director and a founder of the Boston Women's Health Book Collective which does business under the name Our Bodies Ourselves, Judy Norsigian co-authored the original landmark book, *Our Bodies, Ourselves*, as well as subsequent books: *Our Bodies, Ourselves: Menopause* and *Our Bodies, Ourselves: Pregnancy and Birth*. She speaks and writes frequently on a wide range of women's health concerns, and has appeared on numerous national television and radio programs, including “Oprah,” the “Today Show,” “Good Morning America,” “The Early Show,” and NBC “Nightly News with Tom Brokaw.” She served on the board of the National Women's Health Network for 14 years and currently serves as a board member for Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research. Ms. Norsigian is also a founder and longtime board member of Community Works, which raises funds for Boston area social change organizations through payroll deduction charitable giving programs.

8:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Riverside Park (FREE)

Music in the Park featuring *Hot Jazz 7*

Complimentary shuttle bus transportation will be provided from venue to venue beginning at 5:15pm. Maps with parking, restaurant, and shopping suggestions will be mailed with tickets.

Chautauqua-in-Chagrin will continue for the following three Tuesday evenings, each of which will include a free concert by musicians from the Chautauqua School of Music at 5:30pm, two lectures at 6:30pm, one lecture at 8:00pm, and a free performance in the park for the community-at-large beginning at 8:30pm. The dates and themes for those evenings are as follows:

Tuesday, July 22: *American Foreign Policy: Leadership and Dialogue*

This evening will consider the historic roots of the United States' foreign policy and their influence on the current play of American interests on such issues as access to energy, markets, human rights and issues of military security. Featured speakers include Chris Seiple, president of Institute for

Global Engagement; Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, former general secretary, National Council on Churches, and director of religion of the Chautauqua Institution; and Rev. Dr. Reinerio Arce, Director, Matanzas Theological Seminary, Cuba.

Tuesday, July 29: *Healing the Globe*

In partnership with the Global Health Council, this week examines such twenty-first century challenges as maternal and child health, AIDS, TB, diseases related to global warming, and response mechanisms to famine and pandemics. Featured speakers include Dr. Alfred Sommer, professor of international health, Johns Hopkins University; Dr. Helene Gayle, president and CEO, CARE USA; and Mechai Viravaidya, founder, Population and Community Development Association, Thailand, and winner of the 2007 Gates Award for Global Health.

Tuesday, August 5: *Faith in Public Life*

In this year of national elections, this evening seeks to answer critically compelling questions for a democratic society: “How best are different religious perspectives expressed in the give and take of democracy, and what is the responsibility of people of faith in a democracy?” Featured speakers include Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Convention’s Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission; C. Welton Gaddy, president, Interfaith Alliance; and Right Rev. John Bryson Chane, Episcopal bishop of Washington, DC.

Complete schedules are available online at www.chagrinfoundation.org or can be requested by calling the Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture at 440-247-9700.

A “Gate Pass” purchased in advance entitles the holder to all of the evening’s offerings. Gate passes for individual evenings 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.

Gate passes may be purchased at the Chagrin Valley Little Theatre (40 River Street/ 440-247-8955) during box office hours (Monday – Saturday, 1pm – 6pm), through the Downtown Chagrin Falls Visitor Center (83 North Main Street/440-247-1895), open daily 11am – 3pm, and online at www.chagrinfoundation.org. Individual lecture tickets will go on sale at \$10/lecture one week before the event. Complimentary shuttle bus service is provided from venue to venue.

Chautauqua-in-Chagrin is sponsored by South Franklin Circle, with additional support from University Hospitals-Geauga Medical Center, Walter & Haverfield LLP, the Ohio Arts Council, the Chagrin Valley Times and Gamekeepers Tavern. For more information on *Chautauqua-in-Chagrin* or *Chagrin at Chautauqua*, contact the Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture at 440.247.9700 or visit www.chagrinfoundation.org.

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