



## News Release

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### **Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture Announces Complete Schedule for *Chautauqua-in-Chagrin 2009***

The Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture announces the complete schedule for *Chautauqua-in-Chagrin 2009*, its "Chagrin Arts" Summer Series. Presented on four Tuesday evenings in July and August, the series will bring speakers from the famed Chautauqua Institution of western New York to Chagrin Falls for invigorating lectures and include free concerts by Northeast Ohio musicians.

*Chautauqua-in-Chagrin* will begin on Tuesday, July 14, and continue on July 28, August 11 and August 18. Based on the theme of the week at the Chautauqua Institution, each evening will include two lectures by nationally-recognized experts speaking at Chautauqua that week, one classical music performance, and an informal concert in the park featuring area performers. In addition, the Chagrin Falls Library will coordinate Young Readers Programs, multi-generational book discussions in the Chautauqua tradition, to serve family audiences. Events will be held in venues throughout Chagrin Falls. Complimentary shuttle bus transportation will be provided from venue to venue. The complete schedule is as follows:

**Tuesday, July 14: *State of Mind***, an exploration of the inner workings of our most complicated organ, the brain. What is the best condition of a healthy mind and brain, and how do we get there?

3:00 p.m. – Chagrin Falls Library, 100 East Orange Street (FREE)  
Young Readers Program in the Chautauqua Tradition (program to be announced)

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 Center for Contemplative Living

6:00 p.m. – Federated Church, 76 Bell Street (FREE)  
Piano Recital: Dmitri Levkovich, 2007 medal winner & 2009 contestant, Cleveland International Piano Competition (program to be announced)

(July 14, *State of Mind*, continued)

7:00 p.m. – Riverside Park (FREE)

Music in the Park: Rio Neon

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

Lecture: *Spiritual Transformation & Integrative Health: What Your Doctor May Not Know*

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

**Tuesday, July 28: *What Makes Us Moral?***, an examination of the theory that morality and empathy are deep within human genes.

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

Young Readers Program in the Chautauqua Tradition (program to be announced)

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

Lecture: *What Makes Us Moral? An Abrahamic Perspective*

Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell – former general secretary, National Council on Churches;  
director of religion, Chautauqua Institution

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

Musical Performance – Chamber Music from Kent/Blossom Music (program to be announced)

7:00 p.m. – Riverside Park (FREE)

Music in the Park – Hot Jazz 7

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

Lecture: *What Makes Us Moral? A Christian Perspective*

The Right Rev. V. Gene Robinson – bishop of New Hampshire

**Tuesday, August 11: *Imagine a World at Peace through Compassion***, a discussion of the role of religion in attaining a world of peace.

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

Lecture: *A Charter of Compassion*

Karen Armstrong – author, *Charter for Compassion*; winner, TED prize

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

Musical Performance – The Olympic Brass Ensemble (program to be announced)

7:00 p.m. – Riverside Park (FREE)

Music in the Park – Madison Crawl

(August 11, *Peace through Compassion*, continued)

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

Lecture: *The Healing of the Nations*

Rev. Dr. James Alexander Forbes, Jr. – president, Healing of the Nations Foundation; host, “The Time Is Now” on Air America Radio

**Tuesday, August 18: *Cuba and Its People, Our Neighbors***, a study of a long-troubled relationship now poised for change, led by a Cuban national and a U.S. policy-maker.

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

Lecture: *Cuba: A Global Perspective*

Ofelia Ortega-Suárez – member, Cuban Parliament; professor, Matanzas Seminary, Cuba

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

Opera Favorites – Opera Per Tutti & members of the Chagrin Falls Studio Orchestra (program to be announced)

7:00 p.m. – Riverside Park (FREE)

Music in the Park – Vinyl Approach

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

Lecture: *Cuba: The Way Forward*

Julia Sweig – senior fellow and director, Latin America Studies, Council on Foreign Relations

“Gate Passes,” which include entry to all of an evening’s events, will go on sale on June 15<sup>th</sup>. 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. 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).

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.

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Council, the Chagrin Valley Times and Gamekeepers Taverne. 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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