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OHIO Chautauqua

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What is **OHIO CHAUTAUQUA?**

**BUILDING ON THE 19TH-CENTURY TRADITION
ESTABLISHED IN NEW YORK'S CHAUTAUQUA LAKE,
OHIO CHAUTAUQUA IS A FIVE-DAY COMMUNITY
EVENT THAT COMBINES LIVING HISTORY
PERFORMANCES, MUSIC, EDUCATION, AND
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION INTO A ONE-OF-A-KIND
EXPERIENCE THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY WILL ENJOY.**

CHAUTAUQUA HISTORY

After their debut in 1874 as a summer class for Sunday school teachers, Chautauqua assemblies quickly expanded and spread throughout rural America until the mid-1920s. Chautauqua assemblies brought entertainment and culture for the whole community, with speakers, teachers, musicians, entertainers, preachers and specialists of the day. US President Theodore Roosevelt was quoted as saying that Chautauqua is "the most American thing in America."

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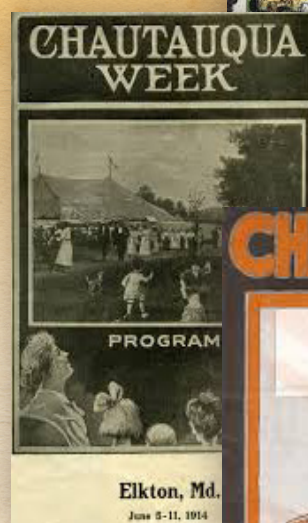
By 1915, at the height of the Chautauqua Movement, nearly 12,000 communities had hosted a Chautauqua. During the Great Depression of the 1930s, the movement died out. Most historians cite the rise of car culture, radio, and movies as the causes.

A handful of independent Chautauquas survived and are thriving again while others are being resurrected. Leading the way, several state humanities councils have organized Chautauquas over the last two decades. Ohio Humanities established Ohio Chautauqua in 1999; the tour now travels to four towns in Ohio each summer.

OHIO CHAUTAUQUA:

BRINGING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER SINCE 1999

Ohio Humanities promotes the humanities through public programs, grants, and community projects to help individuals and communities explore, share, and be inspired by the human experience. Ohio Chautauqua, a program of Ohio Humanities, is a memorable event that will enrich, delight, and entertain every generation. Daytime activities feature stimulating adult programs and hands-on workshops for youth hosted by local community organizations. Each evening, family and friends gather as live music fills the air. Then, a talented performer appears on stage, bringing a historic figure to life through personal stories and historic detail. This enriching and delightfully entertaining experience is perfect for every generation. With its warm, nostalgic vibe, this truly unique experience is sure to open minds and start conversations.



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