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OHIO CHAUTAUQUA 2015: JOURNEY STORIES Will Tour the State in 2015

Step out of the present and into the past. Join Ohio Humanities for the 17th annual tour of OHIO CHAUTAUQUA!

An exciting mixture of education and entertainment, OHIO CHAUTAUQUA 2015 will explore the transformative journeys taken by a variety of historic figures. *JOURNEY STORIES* will showcase *Titanic* survivor **Edith Russell**, 1849er **J. Goldsborough Bruff**, Civil Rights leader **Martin Luther King, Jr.**, Indian captive **Olive Ann Oatman**, and philosopher **Henry David Thoreau**.

OHIO CHAUTAUQUA will travel to four unique communities across the state. The summer schedule begins in **Chillicothe** (June 16-20), a community that is proud of its rich heritage and history. Then follow the tent to **Akron** (June 23-27), the home of Chautauqua Institute co-founder Lewis Miller. Our next stop is **Clifton** (June 30-July 4), a community known for its unique cultural attractions and natural beauty. The tour concludes in **Coshocton** (July 7-11), a history-minded community whose friendly residents embraced OHIO CHAUTAUQUA in 2011 and 2013.

OHIO CHAUTAUQUA programs are fun for the entire family! Each evening, music fills the air before a talented scholar assumes the costume and character of a historic figure and presents a compelling living history performance. Families, friends, and neighbors meet under the tent to learn from and talk with famous personalities from our past. During the day, audiences explore different aspects of the theme by attending hands-on workshops for children and special adult programs presented by the scholars in venues throughout the host community.

Ohio Humanities invites you to take a step back in time and come face to face with history. Join us as we set off on some amazing *JOURNEY STORIES* this summer!

Ohio Humanities is the state-based partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Through programs and grants, Ohio Humanities helps Ohioans use history, literature, and philosophy to explore the past, inform the present, and envision the future.

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The OHIO CHAUTAUQUA tent during an evening living history performance.



The OHIO CHAUTAUQUA troupe: (*standing, L-R*) Indian captive **Olive Oatman** (Dianne Moran), philosopher and writer **Henry David Thoreau** (Kevin Radaker), *Titanic* survivor **Edith Russell** (Debra Conner), 1849er **J. G. Bruff** (Hank Fincken), and (*seated*) Civil Rights leader **Martin Luther King Jr.** (Marvin Jefferson)



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