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Chagrin Arts Receives Grant Allocation from Ohio Humanities

Chagrin Arts is honored to have received a grant allocation for *Chautauqua-in-Chagrin™ 2016 – Human Connections: Looking Back...Looking Ahead* from Ohio Humanities, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Ohio Humanities supports cultural programs that share the human story through documentation, interpretation, reflection, and representation.

Now in its 10th season, Chautauqua-in-Chagrin™ is a summer lecture series presented by Chagrin Arts in which four topics are presented on four evenings in Chagrin Falls. Based upon subjects that are both relevant and thought-provoking, programs are conducted in the Chautauqua tradition, providing opportunities for dialogue between the presenter and audience. Programs include a moderator who facilitates the program, an audience Q&A and a lecture format designed to present the greatest depth to the topic.

The 2016 *Chautauqua-in-Chagrin™* topics and dates are as follows:

- June 21 – *Changing Perceptions of Global Diversity and Discrimination, Presented in Part by Council of International Programs USA*
- June 28 – *Political Polarization*
- July 12 – *The Decline in Participation in Organized Religion*
- July 28 – *The Impact of Technology on How we Relate to One Another.*

The humanities inform this year's Chautauqua-in-Chagrin™ by providing information and perspectives on a variety of issues and concerns that are affecting how we think, how we interact, how we make decisions and how we view the world around us, both locally and globally. Each presentation will provide an historical perspective that provides a foundation for where things are today and where the speaker feels things are going.

Tickets are now on sale and may be purchased by phone at (440) 247-9700 or online at www.ChagrinArts.org.

THE CHAGRIN ARTS 2016 CHAUTAUQUA-IN-CHAGRIN™ SCHEDULE

Changing Perceptions of Global Diversity and Discrimination, Presented in part by Council of International Programs USA

Tuesday, June 21

6:30 PM | Federated Church – 76 Bell Street

The world is rich with a variety of cultures and beliefs, each with its own history and human generalizations. What is the impact of these on policy decision-making and our day-to-day interactions?

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- Sevi Bayraktar – PhD Student in Culture and Performance, UCLA
 - Julia Shearson – Executive Director, CAIR Cleveland (Council on American-Islamic Relations)
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Political Polarization

Tuesday, June 28

6:30 PM | Federated Church – 76 Bell Street

Partisan animosity is on the rise and has had an impact on government and political engagement. What social, economic and structural factors have provided the impetus for this? Are there changes foreseen in the future that might reverse this trend?

- Thomas Sutton – Independent Political Analyst for WEWS NewsChannel 5; Professor, Baldwin Wallace University
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The Decline in Participation in Organized Religion

Tuesday, July 12

6:30 PM | Federated Church – 76 Bell Street

Studies have shown the decline of interest and trust in organized religion to be universal regardless of gender, age and social status. What are the historical, political, moral, social and philosophical reasons for this, and what cultural changes are taking place?

- Chris Stedman – Writer and Interfaith Activist; Executive Director of the Yale Humanist Community at Yale University
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The Impact of Technology on How we Relate to One Another

Thursday, July 28

6:30 PM | Federated Church – 76 Bell Street

With the increased use and expectations of social media, one wonders how it will impact us as a species over time. Will the younger generation be empowered or at a disadvantage? How can we use social media as a way to make one a better person, a better citizen, a better parent?

- Scott Klososky – International Speaker and Author; Former CEO of three successful startup tech companies and Principal at consulting firm Future Point of View; Author of “Did God Create the Internet?”

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Series Subscription - Includes entry to lectures on all four evenings, and a limited edition 10th Season T-Shirt:

\$100/ Preferred Seating

\$75/ General Seating

Individual Ticket Prices

\$28/ Preferred Seating

\$21/ General Seating

\$5/ Students (ages 25 and under)

To Purchase Tickets

Tickets for the program may be purchased by phone at (440) 247-9700; or online at www.ChagrinArts.org.

To Obtain Additional Information

For more information about Chagrin Arts, *Chautauqua-in-Chagrin™* or to schedule an interview, call Chagrin Arts at (440) 247-9700.

About Chagrin Arts

Chagrin Arts is a community 501(c)(3) organization whose goal is to enrich life through the presentation of inspiring performances and stimulating conversations. The organization's most visible programs are its *Chautauqua-in-Chagrin™* series and the *Performing Arts Series*.

Chagrin Arts' 2016 *Chautauqua-in-Chagrin™* series receives support from Ohio Humanities, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in these programs, do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Additional sponsorship is provided by the Ohio Arts Council, Huntington Bank, Chagrin Valley Times, ideastream, and The Inamori Center for Ethics and Excellence at CWRU.

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