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#### MANDOLIN DYNAMO THILE TAKES STAGE FOR 1ST LIVE SHOW IN AMP SINCE '19



**CHRIS THILE** 

LAURA PHILION

Chautauqua is kicking off its 2021 season with a familiar face: Chris Thile, mandolinist, singer and songwriter. Thile, who last performed at the Institution alongside his group Punch Brothers, is appearing solo at 8:15 p.m. Saturday on the Amphitheater stage.

Thile, who has been hailed by NPR as a "genre-defying musical genius," has won four Grammy Awards and was a 2012 recipient of the MacArthur Fellowship, the coveted "Genius Grant." His new album Laysongs, released June 4 on Nonesuch Records, is his first truly solo effort in 30-odd years of professional musicianship.

"I've always prioritized collaborative recording," said Thile, who until last summer was the keystone in "Live From Here," the NPR successor to "A Prairie Home Companion" with Garrison Keillor. As showrunner, Thile played on air with acts like Aoife O'Donovan and Sarah Jarosz. "But when I realized I had an opportunity to make a solo record," Thile reflected, "I didn't want it to be because I had to. I needed a deeper reason."

Thile first picked up a mandolin at age 5. At 8, he helped form Nickel Creek, a Grammy-winning bluegrass group composed of Thile, Sean Watkins and Sara Watkins. Thile's adolescence was spent performing, recording and being surrounded by conservative Christian teaching in Murray, Kentucky. Thile said COVID-19 brought up familiar emotions.

"It felt like being 14 or 15 in church, trying to sing a hymn, staving off doubt," he said.

Thile decided to lean into those feelings and built his new record around a three-part work, "Salt in the Wounds of the Earth," written for a residency at Carnegie Hall. Thile called it the "dysfunctional soul of this record."

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# **Department of Religion revamps** Vespers, Sacred Song for season

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Away from the rigid corners of a computer screen and toward the open air space of the classic Amphitheater is the return of the Chautauqua Vespers and Sacred Song Services.

At 8 p.m. Sunday in the Amp, the Vespers will conclude the day at Chautauqua with classic hymns, prayers and blessings and will include acoustics from the congregation, quartets and the 5,640-pipe Massey Memorial Organ.

Chautauqua Vespers and Sacred Song will then alternate weeks, with Sacred Song being Weeks Two, Four, Six, Eight and the final Sunday of the season, and Vespers being Weeks Three, Five, Seven and Nine.

In past years, Vespers was held at 5 p.m. in the Hall of Philosophy, but Director of Religion Maureen Rovegno said 8 p.m. is closer to the traditional time of the vespers prayer in Christianity.

Rovegno described three of the hymns, "Day is Dying in the West," "Now the Day is Over" and "Largo" as long-standing, beloved traditions at Chautauqua.

"It's not so much performed as it is experienced," Rovegno said about the services. "It's very experiential for people and consists of all the beloved elements that Sacred Song has had for many decades."

Week One's Vespers is based on a 1903 Vespers program, said Joshua Stafford, the Jared Jacob-

sen Chair for the Organist and director of sacred music, who found the liturgy from 1903 with the Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson, vice president of religion and senior pastor at Chautauqua.

Services will open with "Day is Dying in the West." The lights will begin dimly lit and will be slowly turned on as the lyrics indicate light is coming, Robinson said.

"Largo," the final hymn, will be repeated multiple times. Showcasing the organ's vast reach, it keeps building and building to a powerful crescendo until, all of a sudden, it stops, Robinson said. As is tradition at Chautauqua, the crowd will then silently disperse, concluding the service.

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# Stafford begins tenure as permanent organist with unique film concert

**NICK DANLAG** STAFF WRITER

Staf-Joshua ford says playing the organ is like painting the air with music.

"There's nothing quite like hearing those first notes out of the Massey (Me- STAFFORD morial Organ) ev-

ery summer," Stafford said.

Stafford is the director of music at Riverside Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, Florida and, at Chautauqua, is the director of sacred music and holds the newly established Jared Jacobsen Chair for the Organist. Some of his responsibilities include playing the instrument at religious services in the



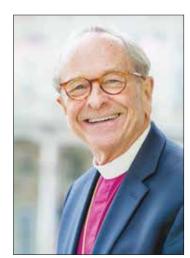
Amphitheater and performing for the community.

At 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Amp, Stafford will play the organ over the silent film "Safety Last!" a 1923 romantic comedy starring Harold Lloyd. This film features one of the most iconic images of the

silent movie era: Lloyd's character dangling from the hand of a clock tower.

Stafford improvises the performances. To prepare, he will watch the film around five times and think of different themes for different characters and which scene to emphasize.

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# Robinson steps in for **Theoharis** to deliver opening '21 sermon

MARY LEE TALBOT

The Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson will preach at the 10:45 a.m. Sunday Service of Worship and Sermon in the Amphitheater. Robinson replaces previously announced Sunday preacher the Rev. Liz Theoharis, who is attending to an urgent personal matter and is unable to travel to Chautau qua during Week One.

Robinson serves as vice president of religion and senior pastor of Chautauqua Institution. He was elected Episcopal Bishop of New Hampshire on June 7, 2003, becoming the first openly gay and partnered priest to be elected bishop in historic Christendom. He served as the Ninth Bishop of New Hampshire until his retirement in early 2013.

A senior fellow at both the Center for American Progress and Auburn Seminary, Robinson is a celebrated interfaith leader whose ministry has focused on helping congregations and clergy, especially in times of conflict, utilizing his skills in congregational dynamics, conflict resolution and mediation.

He is the author of In the Eye of the Storm: Swept to the Center by God and God Believes in Love: Straight Talk about Gay Marriage.

In 2009, at the invitation of President Barack Obama, Robinson prayed the invocation at the Opening Inaugural Event at the Lincoln Memorial.

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#### IN TODAY'S DAILY



SATURDAY'S

#### FOOD WITH A VIEW

With opening this weekend of 3 Taps, The A Truck, food and beverage services expand to lakefront at Pier Building.

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THE SHOW MUST

Theater, Opera companies return for in-person summer after digital

2020 season. Page B4

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**JOURNEY** 

Climate Change Initiative Director Wenzler launches tenure with fundraising bicycle trek.

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### NEWS



**BRIEFLY** 

NEWS FROM THE GROUNDS

The Briefly column appears on Page 2 daily and is intended to provide space for announcements from Institution-related organizations. If a meeting or activity is featured that day in a story, it should not be repeated in Briefly. Submit information to the Daily's Editorial Office manager via email at daily@chq.org. Please provide name of organization, time and place of meeting and one contact person's name with phone number. Deadline is 5 p.m. four days before publication.

Lincoln Applied Ethics Series Lecture with Brad Allenby Popular lecturer Brad Allenby returns at 3 p.m. EDT Tuesday to the CHQ Assembly Virtual Porch. His lecture titled "China Rising: The Long Sunset of the Enlightenment Political Project" will be followed by discussion with attendees. Allenby is the President's Professor at the School of Sustainable Engineering and the Built Environment, and Lincoln Professor of Ethics and Engineering at Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering, Arizona State University. To

register for or attend this event, visit porch.chq.org.

#### Open Mic

Friends of the Chautauqua Writers' Center encourages Chautauqua writers over the age of 18 to share their work at 5 p.m. Sunday and every Sunday (except the Fourth of July) via Zoom. Plan on reading for no more than five minutes or just come and listen. Find more information at chq.org/fcwc. Direct any questions to friendsofthewriterscenter@gmail.org.

#### Authors' Hour

Selected Chautauqua authors will read from their work at 12:15 p.m. Thursdays during Weeks One through Nine via Zoom. Week One's authors are Sabeeha Rehman and Walter Ruby (nonfiction: We Refuse to Be Enemies: How Muslims and Jews Can Build Peace, One Friendship at a Time) and Joan Polishook (poetry: Words on Paper Book One – Poetry and The Poetry of Barns).

#### Literary Arts Contests

Writers of all ages are invited to submit their poetry or prose by July 25 to the writing contests sponsored by Friends of the Chautauqua Writers' Center (formerly CLAF). Prizes are awarded in the adult, young adult and youth categories. Find more information at chq.org/fcwc. Direct any questions to friendsofthewriterscenter@gmail.com.

#### Robert Pinsky Favorite Poem Project

At 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 21 via Žoom, selected Chautauquans will be given the chance to read their favorite published poem and briefly explain why it is their favorite. This event, sponsored by the Friends of the Chautauqua Writers' Center (formerly CLAF), is modeled on the initiative introduced to Chautauqua by the former poet laureate, Robert Pinsky. If you would like to read at this event, apply at chq.org/fcwc by Friday, July 16. Applications must be submitted online. Questions should be directed to 4normarees@gmail.com.

#### African American Heritage House Porch Chat

Join board members, friends and supporters of the African American Heritage House at 1 p.m. Sunday on the porch of the Athenaeum Hotel to discuss the purpose of the AAHH, plans for the upcoming week (and the season), a history of African Americans at Chautauqua, future directions and anything else you would like to discuss.

#### Bird, Tree & Garden Club Lake Walk

Join Glen Wahl at 6:30 p.m. Monday starting at Heinz Beach near the Youth Activities Center for a BTG Lake Walk on "The Geological Back Story of Chautauqua Lake." Wahl, a geology professor at Jamestown Community College, will explore the geological backstory behind the Chautauqua Lake region and how the lake and the surrounding hills came to be.

#### Chautauqua Women's Club news

Join the Chautauqua Women's Club for the return of the Flea Boutique, from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday behind the Colonnade. Artists at the Market runs from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Farmer's Market.

Mah Jongg is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Monday on the CWC Porch.



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# **Chautauqua Cinema Under the Stars to** kick off with 'Gravity' on Athenaeum lawn

JORDYN RUSSELL

STAFF WRITER

Movies at Chautauqua have long been a staple of the summer season, from the daily operations of the Chautauqua Cinema to more recent programs showcasing movies in the Amphitheater alongside the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra. Even Bestor Plaza has transformed into a movie theater of sorts on occasion over the past few years, with movies like "Inside Out" and "Star Wars: The Force Awakens"

#### Weekend at the **CINEMA**

Saturday, June 26

AMMONITE - 3:00 (R, 120m) Starring **Kate Winslet** as reclusive paleontologist Mary Anning, and Saoirse Ronan as Charlotte, a younger woman entrusted in her care, writer/director Francis L**ee**'s period piece "is many things, all of them remarkable: a queer romance that finds passion in austerity; a biopic that strips away most details of Anning's career while honoring its spirit; and a portrait of genius thwarted by gender." -Joe Morgenstern, Wall Street Journal

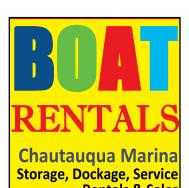
NEWS OF THE WORLD - **6:00** (**PG-13**, 118m) Shorty after the Civil War, Captain [efferson Kyle Kidd (**Tom Hanks**) discovers a 10-year-old girl who was abducted by the Kiowa people years before. With her parents long gone and nowhere else for her to go, Kidd agrees to escort the child to live with her aunt and uncle. "Words have power, and Kidd - like [director Paul] Greengrass and Hanks - knows how to use them." *-Bill* Goodykoontz, Arizona Republic

Sunday, June 27

NEWS OF THE... - AMMONITE -9:00 drawing families and their picnic blankets to the foun-

This summer, a new experimental initiative expands on the Institution's movie offerings, with Cinema Under the Stars. The movie series premieres at approximately 9:45 p.m. (depending on the arrival of dusk) Saturday night on the Athenaeum Hotel lawn, weather permitting. The movies every week - except for the beginning of Weeks Four and Five - will rotate between Sharpe Field, Bestor Plaza and the Athenaeum lawn.

The first film being showcased in-season is "Gravity," a riveting survival tale set in outer space that follows the spiritual journey of Dr. Ryan Stone (played by Sandra Bullock), accompanied by veteran astronaut Matt Kowalski (played by George Clooney).



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Crew members set up the movie screen for Chautauqua Cinema Under the Stars Friday on the lawn of the Athenaeum Hotel.

peek of the giant movie screen late Friday night, with the screening of the 2008 movie musical "Mamma Mia!" When developing the lineup of movies for the new program, Chautauqua Institution Manager of Strategic Initiatives Sam Nelson had a clear vision in mind.

"We wanted to choose movies that engaged the community in civil dialogue throughout the experience," Nelson said. "By expanding movies outside on our 30-foot screen, we hope to create a sense of community and normalcy, while also building upon Chautauqua's themed weeks by developing a lineup of fan favorites such as 'Mamma Mia!,' 'Monsters, Inc.,' and of course, 'Gravi-

Nelson said he aspires for this cinematic experience to create a sense of famil-

Chautauquans got a sneak iarity, as watching movies in a group setting has been highly anticipated following the COVID-19 pandemic. Chautauqua Cinema has also once again opened its doors and will this summer screen feature, independent and artistic films every day. The Cinema's owner, Billy Schmidt, is serving as adviser to the Under the Stars presentations as part of the first phase of integrating the Institution's and Cinema's operations.

> For Cinema Under the Stars, Chautauquans can reserve a porch table at the Heirloom Restaurant or bring personal blankets and lawn chairs. People are also encouraged to bring along earbuds and a personal FM radio, as sound will be transmitted via FM radio signal, although they will be available on-site for a nominal fee.



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### NEWS



### From the President

COLUMN BY MICHAEL E. HILL

elcome home to Chautaugua! Those are words I often use when we start a new Summer Assembly, but this year they seem particularly apt. So many could not come to the physical Chautauqua last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic and our entire program was conducted virtually through CHQ Assembly. In a very real sense, saying "welcome home" transcends its normal meaning this year, and it's a true joy to welcome you to the 148th Assembly.

We start Week One of our Assembly looking at a nation that has truly emerged as one of the power brokers on the world stage. In this week we explore "China and the World: Collaboration, Competition, Confrontation?" Under Chinese President Xi Jinping's rule, the world's most populous country has been working toward fulfilling the "China Dream" of global leadership, positioning itself inside a "superpower marathon" with the United States. Now, amid a trade war, the arrival of COVID-19 has been met with harsh rhetoric from both sides, further straining U.S.-China relations. In this week of geopolitics, economics and cultural exploration, we consider China's role in the world after COVID-19 and whether it emerges stronger or weaker politically and economically. And we ask, among many other questions: How is it leveraging the pandemic in its recovery and in its efforts to overtake the U.S. as the global leader in technology, and how is the U.S. responding? Is China an unstoppable force or has it already peaked?

From all different perspectives, from China's role in climate change to the nation's changing "one child" program, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists and political advisers shape and provide context to our survey of this very complex nation.

In our Interfaith Lecture Series, we explore "21st Century Religion in China: Collaboration, Competition, Confrontation?" China through the ages has given birth to religious expressions uniquely its own, while also absorbing and embracing multiple religious traditions and variations that have migrated from the Asian subcontinent and the West. In this week focusing on China, we look for its contemporary expressions of the religious impulse, or the suppression thereof.

We are saddened to not welcome the Rev. Liz Theoharis to our pulpit this week, as she attends to an urgent family matter. She is in my prayers, and I look forward to her joining us in a future season. In her stead, on Sunday, I'm grateful to my friend and Chautauqua's vice president of religion and senior pastor, Bishop Gene Robinson, for stepping in and providing us with an inspiring start to the season, and for quickly assembling a dynamic cast of substitute preachers to fill out our week together. How blessed we are at Chautauqua to have a well of talent so deep and so full, right within our interfaith community.

It is hard to believe that the last time we were able to gather in person many of us gathered to mourn the loss of our beloved organist Jared Jacobsen. Some of you have had the chance to see and possibly meet Joshua Stafford, a protégé of Jared's and a world-renowned organist in his own right who served as our interim organist last year and who was appointed to be our full-time organist and inaugural Jared Jacobsen Chair. This is a year of experiments at Chautauqua, and Josh has embraced this by performing at 2:30 p.m. Sunday "A Massey Organ Movie," accompanying the Harold Lloyd silent film "Safety Last!" on the Massey Memorial Organ. I hope you'll join us.

I leave you with two thoughts as I close out this greeting to you. One is sharing a moment of joy I felt this week while walking our new Golden Retriever puppy, Wilbur, around the grounds. After more than a year of distancing and not holding last summer's Assembly in person, I had grown quite accustomed to not seeing many people here. As we were walking, I was struck that someone was speaking Mandarin, then Spanish and a few others were conversing in even more world dialects. And then it hit me: the students of our School of Music, who hail from all over the globe, were back. I hope you'll take in as many of their concerts, starting this week, as you can. As one of our crew posted on social media listening to their first rehearsal, "I'm not crying, you're crying!" seemed a more than appropriate expression of the joy of hearing live music again.

And lastly, our team spent a great deal of time trying to think of different ways to bring joy and adventure to your summer. From summer movies around the grounds to lakeside dining and cocktails at the new 3 Taps concept with fare from our new food truck, The A Truck, I hope you will join us this summer in cherishing traditions that have spanned decades while helping us to make new ones.

As an organization that realizes its mission in the context of community, I know that while we are so excited to be back together, there is also an understandable nervousness about the continuing impact of COVID. As we navigate all of this together, I hope we will all be kind and patient with one another. I believe this can be our very best summer, and I know we can make that a reality if we do it together.

sweeter than ever.

WEEK ONE | CHINA AND THE WORLD: COLLABORATION, COMPETITION, CONFRONTATION?

# Season opens with probe of China; arts programs stage robust return

Week One of the 2021 Chautauqua Institution season, features events, lectures and classes both in-person on the grounds and livestreamed through CHQ Assembly. The Chautauqua Lecture Series, 10:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday in 2021, examines "China and the World: Collaboration, Competition, Confrontation?" The 1 p.m. Interfaith Lecture Series, Monday through Wednesday in 2021, examines the theme "21st Century Religion in China: Collaboration, Competition, Confrontation?"

The 2021 Summer Assembly also features the debut of the temporary Performance Pavilion on Pratt, a large temporary outdoor venue that will serve as the stage for Chautauqua Theater Company and Chautauqua Opera Company productions throughout the summer. Located on Pratt Avenue downhill from the Arts Quad, overlooking Chautauqua Lake, the Pavilion features \$25 covered preferred seating and complimentary lawn seating for Chautauqua gate pass holders.

#### Amphitheater lectures

Chautauqua Lecture Series: Somini Sengupta provides an expert look at the frontlines of the climate crisis, especially regarding the converging interests of the United States and China. Drawing from her reporting as the New York Times' international climate correspondent, she will explore the challenges faced by the communities and landscapes which are most vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

Interfaith Lecture Series: Kelly James Clark broaddiscusses the virtues of compassion, tolerance and peace as well as his research on Chinese scholarship, spirituality and history. Clark is a former senior research fellow at the Kaufman Interfaith Institute at Grand Valley State University and has written more than 30 books on religion, science and philosophy.

#### **TUESDAY**

Chautauqua Lecture Series: Mei Fong examines the cultural and geopolitical standing of China and the global implications of the country's one-child policy. Fong is chief communications officer for Human Rights Watch and her stories on China have earned a Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting and a Human Rights Press Award.

Interfaith Lecture Series: Fenggang Yang explores the sociology of religion, religious changes in China, and immigrant religion in the United States. Yang is a professor of sociology and the founding director of the Center on Religion and the Chinese Society.

> can be highly

addictive.

#### **WEDNESDAY**

Chautaugua Lecture Series: Michael Pillsbury discusses a strong U.S. response to relations with China and the various challenges that face the diplomats and politicians of a new American administration. Pillsbury is senior fellow and director for Chinese strategy at Hudson Institute and served as a key adviser to President Donald Trump on China.

Interfaith Lecture Series:

Robin R. Wang presents on the tradition of Daoist (Taoist) philosophy and on women and gender traditions in Chinese culture. Wang is a professor of philosophy at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, served as the 2016-17 Berggruen Fellow at The Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University, and authored YinYang: The Way of Heaven and Earth in Chinese Thought and Culture.

#### **THURSDAY**

Chautauqua Lecture Series: Dexter Roberts concludes the opening week of the 2021 Chautauqua Lecture Series with a discussion of China's uncertain economic future and the implications for our world. As a senior fellow at the Atlantic Council Asia Security Initiative and a fellow at the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, Roberts has reported on society, politics, security, economics and demography from all over China, including Tibet and Xinjiang.

#### Arts programming

Week One features a variety of afternoon and evening arts and entertainment programs live at the Amphitheater or the Performance Pavilion on Pratt, with some offerings available via livestream and on-demand through the CHQ Assembly platform.

8:15 p.m. Saturday, June 26 • Amphitheater: MacArthur Fellow and Grammy Award-winning mandolinist, singer and songwriter Chris **Thile** opens the season with a distinct musical aesthetic which embodies a range of

1 p.m. Sunday, June 27 • Fowler-Kellogg and Strohl Art Centers: Chautauqua Visual Arts' two world-class art centers open to the public with an initial slate of exhibitions: "Counterbalance," features women working primarily in the media of wood and textiles; "Co-Existence," featuring works by four artists of Chinese descent, Cecile Chong, Jennifer Ling Datchuk, QiuChen Fan and Cathy Lu; and "Materials Redefined," focused on seven contemporary artists who work with their selected materials in non-traditional ways.

2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 27 • Amphitheater: Co-presented

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with Chautauqua Cinema, Chautauqua Institution organist Joshua Stafford brings the drama, romance and comedy of the classic Harold Lloyd silent film "Safety Last!" to life on screen with a Massey Memorial Organ accompaniment. 8:15 p.m. Monday, June 28

• Amphitheater: Conducted by Music Director Timothy Muffitt and 2021 conducting fellow Joshua Hong, the Music School Festival Orchestra comprises top-tier students from around the world and will open the season's lineup of orchestral and chamber performances. 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 29

• Performance Pavilion on Pratt: Opening night of Blood at the Root, which will also be presented at 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, and Friday, July 2. Written by Dominique Morisseau and directed by Stori Ayers, Blood at the Root tells the story of six Black students charged with attempted murder following a high school yard fight steeped in racial tension. This play examines racial bias and the nature of justice through the students of Cedar High.

8:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 29 Amphitheater: Chamber-Fest Cleveland makes a special trip to Chautauqua following the completion of its reunion festival "Together Again!" which took place in Cleveland from June 9 to 26.

8:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 30 • Amphitheater: Combining traditional guzheng repertoire and contemporary guzheng compositions with famous Kunqu opera, Peking opera and Chinese folk music, **Wu Fei** will bring a blend of Western classical, Chinese tradition and contemporary sound to Chautaugua.

8:15 p.m. Thursday, July 1 • Amphitheater: Considered one of the greatest bands of all time, the **Glenn Miller** Orchestra presents a distinctly American big band jazz sound. Their ensemble was formed in 1956 and performs both concert and swing dance engagements for an average of 300 audiences a year.

8:15 p.m. Friday, July 2  $\bullet$ Amphitheater: One of the globally influential Contemporary musicians, Michael W. Smith will share his inspiring music with the Chautauqua audience, including songs such as "Here I Am to Worship," "Friends" and "Awesome God." Throughout his career, Smith has recorded 32 No. 1 hit songs, won several awards and is admired for his philanthropy fighting against AIDS in Africa.

#### Additional programs on **CHQ Assembly**

Chautauqua is proud to continue some cherished programming online in lieu of additional in-person programming during the 2021 Summer Assembly.

3:30 p.m. EDT Sunday, June 27: The Chautauqua Writers' Center presents a free Sunday reading with Sonja Livingston and Robert Miltner.

3:30 p.m. EDT Thursday, July 1: The Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle presents Ma Jian's work China Dream, translated by Flora Drew. This satire of totalitarianism discusses the administration of President Xi Jinping and the damage inflicted on the nation by an authoritarian regime.

1 p.m. EDT Friday, July 2: Paula Madison, chairman and CEO of Madison Media Management LLC, presents in the first episode of the 2021 African American Heritage House Lecture Series.

#### More opportunities for engagement

9:45 p.m. Saturday, June 26: A new initiative in 2021, Chautauqua Cinema Under the Stars presents the film "Gravity" on the Athenaeum Hotel lawn.

7:30 a.m. weekdays: Chautauqua's **Mystic Heart Meditation Program** offers community members daily meditation sessions at 7:30 a.m. throughout the week.

10:30 a.m. Friday, July 2: Thursday's Chautauqua Lecturer **Dexter Roberts** provides a deeper dive into the themes of his Amphitheater lecture in this special conversation followed by audience Q-and-A.

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### FROM PAGE ONE

#### THILE

Performing live again, for Thile, is another big change. Thile has been making music "nonstop" since age 8. COVID-19, he said, was "the first time I've taken this much time away. ... It was an opportunity to be forced to take a step back."

"Thile represents an American important voice," said Deborah Sunya Moore, Chautauqua's senior vice president and chief program officer (interim) and vice president of performing and visual arts. "He is carrying on the folk tradition, but he is also a songwriter and composer focused on making great

music." Now that New York has lifted virtually all COVID-19 guidelines for the vaccinated, venues are able to welcome even more patrons. Moore said the season is beginning with solo acts like Thile and working up to larger group performances like those coming to the Amp stage in August. The solo acts like Thile would "delight audiences" and welcome them back to live music, she said.

"In the middle of the pandemic, it was impossible to know what the guidelines would be - but we planned with purpose and hope," Moore said.

Moore said Thile will be by himself on the stage, but that it would be a communal experience nonethe-

**EDITORIAL STAFF** 

(The Amp) feels inextricably woven into the community where we can come together in good company and take part in a rare and righteous form of community."

> -CHRIS THILE Mandolinist

less. She said it will be a beautiful and inspirational way to open the season.

Though COVID-19 has been traumatic for everyone, Thile said, every musician he knows has been "chomping at the bit" to get back onstage.

"It has felt like improvising – but a magical improv session," Thile said of planning live sets.

He isn't just going back to a routine, either: Thile described the "catalyzing newness" of returning to performing in person. "There's an aspect that's so beautifully alien."

"When I pulled up last time, the setting felt like a dream. The performance felt like a dream," he said. "(The Amp) feels inextricably woven into the community where we can come together in good company and take part in a rare and righteous form of community."

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Jared Jacobsen plays the Massey Memorial Organ during the final Sacred Song Service of the 2019 season. Following Jacobsen's untimely death, his protégé Joshua Stafford — now the Jared Jacobsen Chair for the Organist — will play the Massey as part of Chautauqua Vespers at 8 p.m. Sunday in the Amphitheater. It will be the first iteration of Sacred Song performed in the Amp since Jacobsen's passing.

#### **VESPERS**

"People who never experienced it before just find it extremely moving, and those who have keep coming back because they love it," Robinson said.

Although the two will be similar services, Vespers will average 30 minutes in length, and Sacred Song will run about 45 minutes, which is much shorter than in previous years.

"At the end of a very intense, wonderful day here at Chautauqua, I think people will appreciate a less lengthy experience," Rovegno said.

Shortened services will also allow people time to move to the Chapel of the Good Shepherd for the 9:30 p.m. Service of Compline, she said.

The longer Sacred Song Service will include added prayers from Robinson focused on Chautauqua, the nation and the world, Robinson said. The longer services will also occasionally follow a theme that the music and readings will reflect, such as the July 4 Sunday service

following a patriotic theme.

Stafford, born and raised at the southern end of Chautauqua Lake in Jamestown, is in his first in-person year as organist and conductor for the Sunday night services.

"It feels pretty amazing," he said about being in this position. "It's something I always dreamed of as a kid, so it feels sort of surreal to be here."

Stafford is filling the shoes of Jared Jacobsen, who spent 65 of his 70 summers at Chautauqua, including 23 years as the organist. Jacobsen died in a car accident on Aug. 27, 2019, two days after his final service in the Amp.

Rovegno is looking forward to welcoming Stafford.

"We are all thrilled to have him because he knows and loves Chautauqua so much, and he is a virtuoso on the organ," she said. "We could have never found a more talented person."

Stafford was in this pomuch more condensed, online-only version of the service as all in-person events at Chautauqua were canceled due to the

COVID-19 pandemic.

"I'm probably most excited about the return of congregational singing," Stafford said. "To actually hear hymns sung in the Amphitheater by hundreds or thousands of people is pretty exciting. There's no feeling quite like that."

Although the service will look different than pre-COVID-19 years - two quartets will perform separately or together rather than a full choir for at least the first several weeks - New York State's recent lifting of COVID-19 restrictions eliminated several obstacles.

Stafford said they considered masking singers. Robinson said they needed to follow social distancing guidelines for singing, which meant keeping people 12 feet apart, in accordance with New York guidelines. Before that restriction was lifted, he said options were sparsely filling the 4,000-seat Amp sition last year, but for a or telling the congregation not to sing.

"We were all just wincing at the notion we would gather all these people and tell them not to sing," Robinson said. "It just seemed crazy."

Although Stafford said it was strange to feel excited about quartets replacing a choir, he is grateful they can at least have that given the previous expectations.

"It's such a relief to be able to relax some of that now and look forward to maybe returning to something that looks like the normal Chautauqua Choir later in the season," Stafford said.

Robinson is expecting a return full of high energy, appreciation and increased gratefulness.

"If you do the same thing year after year, you begin to take it for granted," he said. "The privilege of being able to come here and gather each summer, I think, is no longer going to be taken for granted because, as we saw last year, even something with a 145-plus year tradition can be halted by some-

thing like a pandemic." Stafford is hopeful it will feel like a proper return to Chautauqua.

"I just want people to feel like they're back at home," he said.

#### **FILM**

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He said some scenes are simpler than others - like playing "Bridal Chorus" during a wedding. But some are more complicated, like when multiple characters are on screen and Stafford mixes the different themes together.

"I find comedies to actually be the toughest of the silent movies to play because your timing is so much,"

Stafford said. "You have to be so precise with timing if you want to get that slap-

stick moment just right." During the performance, he also plays off the crowd. During the iconic scene with the clock, Stafford plans to parody the iconic rings from the Miller Bell Tower.

"Safety Last!" was chosen because it is family friendly and its hour-and-a-half runtime fits well into Chautauqua's program schedule. Stafford said it does not have racially insensitive themes, which plague many

This will be the first time

early silent movies.

he will be performing "Safety Last!" but he has played many silent movies over the past eight years and has been playing the organ at Chautauqua since 1999.

"Obviously as a 10-yearold kid, making loud noises was pretty rad," Stafford said.

Now, he brings joy to children and families through the organ. A couple of years ago, he played a Buster Keaton short for

around 500 elementary school students in the Performing Arts Center of San

Luis Obispo in California.

"Hearing the howls of laughter at this movie from the '20s, it was so great," Stafford said.

Stafford hopes Chautauquan will enjoy his perfor-

mance, too. "I want the music and the movie to become one," Stafford said. "At first, it's a novelty that you're watching someone improvise this movie, but eventually you

sit back into the movie and let it wash over you."

#### CHAPLAIN

In his weekly column in The Chautauquan Daily, Institution President Michael E. Hill, who will deliver is annual Three Taps of the Gavel address to open the Summer Assembly Season prior to the Service of Worship and Sermon, said that the Chautaugua community was saddened not to wel-

come Theoharis to the Amphitheater pulpit.

'She is in my prayers, and I look forward to her joining us in a future season," Hill wrote.

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# Community embraces beloved longtime postmaster Lindquist

**NICK DANLAG** STAFF WRITER

The Chautauqua Post Office is, in its own way, a pillar of the community. The building has been there for well over a hundred years, welcoming generations. To this day, Chautauquans will talk to

each other while in line, con-

tent to be where they are. For the past 15 years, when Chautauquans picked up their mail, they were likely greeted by another pillar of the community: postmaster Laurie Lindquist, who announced her retirement on March 31 due to stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

"I have made so many friends, and I call them friends because I truly feel they are," Lindquist said in recent interview with the Daily. "If you could see the cards and the outpouring of love I have received since my diagnosis of cancer - it's just overwhelming to me. I save every card, and I've got over 1,500 of them so far."

On June 8, Chautauqua held a retirement ceremony for Lindquist. Dozens of masked Chautauquans waited in a line that stretched from the Colonnade across Ames Avenue and toward the Bestor Plaza fountain. Lindquist embraced and talked to each one. Simply put, Director of Religion Maureen Rovegno said, the celebration was "a love fest."

"Laurie hugged masked people for over an hour and a half, and the messages and kudos that poured in from all over the country from those who could not be here were extraordinary testimonies to how truly beloved she is," Rovegno said.

The Chautauqua Institution Facebook page posted about the meet and greet to honor Lindquist. The post has hundreds of likes and dozens of comments, all of which included the commenters' love. Some included the number of their post office box.

"Laurie has greeted thousands of new and longtime visitors with a friendly smile, helping them navigate this place with her incredibly deep knowledge of the Institution, the community

and her work," the post read. One of the many people Lindquist has connected with over her tenure is Rovegno, who sent out a few update emails about Lindquist over



the Chautauqua Grapevine, a community Google Group, sharing how the postmaster was doing, announcing her retirement celebration and a request for people to be her prayer partners.

"The post office is the heart of the community. I mean that in a literal sense. and that person, the real heart of the community, became Laurie," Rovegno said. "She is the most beloved person at Chautauqua, and there's no one who would disagree with my saying that."

Lindquist said people at Chautauqua gave her that same love every day. One man would visit her during the summer and tell her about each morning lecture because she couldn't attend due

to her work at the post office.

"Every day, you talk with somebody," Lindquist. "There's somebody that does mean something to you."

Scott Anderson, sales and service associate at the post office, worked with Lindquist for almost three years. He said Lindquist always put the customer first, often working from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. six days a week.

"A lot of people don't realize she didn't go on vacations every year," Anderson said, "so the vacations, few and far between, were very special to Laurie.'

Also special to Lindquist were her multiple runs a day.

Her self-care routine started when her youngest son started running to train for football, and he asked her to come with her.

That care extended to others - she knows almost everyone at Chautauqua by name and box number.

"Sometimes they'll come in," Lindquist said, "and they'll say, 'Can you get me the mail in 304?' I'll say, 'No, but I can get to the mail out of 403 because that's your real box number."

No matter their box number, Lindquist said she simply wanted to make people happy.

"I want to please them be-





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Sal Marranca (at left), Cynthia Norton (at top) and Dave and Diana Bower (above) reach the front of the line as Chautauqua community members queued down the Colonnade porch on June 8 for an opportunity to greet and embrace Laurie Lindquist, the longtime postmaster of the Chautauqua Post Office. Lindquist, who retired in March due to stage 4 pancreatic cancer, became a familiar and friendly face to thousands of residents and Institution patrons during her 15 years at Chautauqua.

cause they treat me so well; I try my best to treat other people the way they treat me and everybody has gone above and beyond to be kind and gracious," Lindquist said.

Over her tenure, Lindquist has helped nurture a sense of community in the post office.

"People here don't get impatient waiting in line," Lindquist said. "They use that time to visit with the person that they're in line behind or in front of you. Getting the mail is a side thing."

Lindquist said this calm attitude is part of what makes Chautauqua unique.

"I think people come here with the attitude that 'The outside world can stay where it is, and I'm here," Lindquist said. "'I can visit my friends. I can take a deep breath. I can be with my family."

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vice, Lindquist worked during the slower months of the off-season, which allowed her to have longer conversations with Chautauquans.

"I always used to laugh and say that my canine customers outnumbered my human customers. I would keep all three sizes of dog biscuits for all sizes," said Lindquist, who herself has a dog named Winnie and a cat named Charlie.

Each summer season, Lindquist greeted community members old and new. Every year was different.

"I was there for 15 years and every year it got better and better," Lindquist said. "It's such a wonderful thing to be able to love your job because you love the people - not only the people that you serve, but the people you work with every day. It just is very gratifying to be able to say, 'I love my job.' And I have loved my job."







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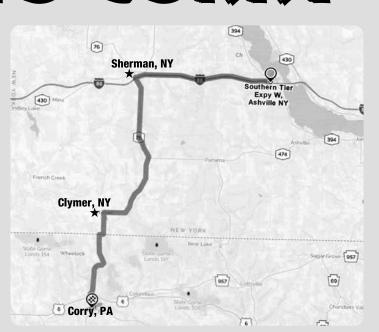
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Above left, The A Truck — named after the Athenaeum Hotel, affectionately called "the A" — will serve Asian fusion cuisine from its spot adjacent to the Miller Bell Tower in the Pier Building parking lot. The truck features signature Chautauqua imagery, to blend in with its natural surroundings. Above right, the new 3 Taps lakeside lounge is located inside the Pier Building, with a newly constructed outdoor dining area near Miller Bell Tower.

# With opening of 3 Taps, The A Truck, food service expands to lakefront

**NICK DANLAG** STAFF WRITER

Chautauqua Institution has expanded its dining options with a new food truck and bar. With a lakeside view and next to the chimes of the Miller Bell Tower, Chautauguans can now eat Asian fusion-inspired cuisine at The A Truck and buy a beer at 3 Taps.

Both will be open together from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., so Chautauquans can buy food outside for around \$15 and also order a beer inside. Executive Chef Edward Work recommends the pork belly dog and the sesame ginger salad.

The area around the Pier Building also had a face lift. Paul Sass, director of food and beverage operations, said the gravel lot was redone, water and electrical lines were added for the food truck, the inside of the build-

ing was renovated to add a bar and high tables, and much of the grass behind the building was replaced with crushed limestone. There is also a new awning on the patio, as well as fire pits, rope railing and Adirondack chairs. The food truck and bar will have a staff of around 10-15 people, including three chefs and multiple cocktail servers. Sass said the Asian fusion-inspired cuisine was selected to give Chautauquans expanded food options. The truck gets its name from the Athenaeum Hotel. Work said that other food trucks were considered, including fire truck with a wood fire pizza oven in the back.

"It's just an extension of the food that (Work) creates here," Sass said. "He's now putting it in truck form."

The name of the bar refers to the Three Taps of

the Gavel delivered by the president of Chautauqua Institution to open and close the Summer Assembly. Appropriately, the bar has three taps for beers. The A Truck was taken for a test drive June 16 to serve members of Institution staff as a pre-season celebration. Sass said the response from the community was overwhelmingly positive, and that some employees said they wanted to order from there every day. He said if the response during the summer season is positive, more food trucks may be added.

"We look forward to these seasons, we really do," Sass said. "It's almost like every year you open up something new again. We look forward to planning out the details to get to that, and then hope all the things that we planned for come to life."

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# ENVIRONMENT



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Jefferson Project team members, from left, Dwight Harrienger, Nina Bellus and Amanda Kelly work to position a vertical profiler Wednesday on Chautauqua Lake. The profilers track water conditions from the surface to the bottom, quantify water circulation patterns and monitor local weather conditions.



Above, Jefferson Project research scientist Joel Harrison, left, and research specialist Brian Mattes prepare lake water samples for analysis May 27 in a lab in Chautauqua Utility District's wastewater treatment plant on the south end of the grounds — a new location for The Jefferson Project's on-site work. The partnership between The Jefferson Project and CUD was formed in the spring when Jefferson Project scientists were looking for an appropriate place to conduct their work at Chautauqua. At right, Mattes uses a water quality sonde, a device that takes a variety of measurements beneath the surface, on May 27. Below right, Jefferson Project team members, from left, Bellus, Kelly, Amanda Matkosky and Kate Audino work to anchor a vertical profiler into its final position on Wednesday.





# Institution invests \$1 million in lake science, collaboration; signs memorandum of understanding

Chautauqua Institution announced Monday the investment of \$1 million in research initiatives to support the continuing development of scientific knowledge of Chautauqua Lake ecology to inform the region's comprehensive, science-based plan for lake conservation.

The investment will fund the 2021 work of The Jefferson Project, which launched a partnership with the region last year that resulted in new data and information about how lake water exchanges between the north and south basin. The next phase of work began in May, with researchers spending a week on the lake to collect samples that will be analyzed by Jefferson Project scientists to learn more about invasive species and the impact of mitigation efforts, including the use of herbicides.

Institution President Michael E. Hill said the investment is an indication of the Institution's commitment to science-based solutions to lake conservation.

"Our Board of Trustees did not hesitate to advance this funding that we plan to raise as part of a fundraising initiative. Our strategic plan names the conservation of Chautauqua Lake among our four top strategic objectives over the next decade, and this investment is reflective of that priority and our commitment to the lake and the watershed that

we call our home," Hill said.

Under the leadership of Chautauqua County Executive P.J. Wendel, a public-private partnership will also contribute to the cost of this phase of The Jefferson Project's work. Wendel also authored a new Memorandum of Understanding that all regional stakeholders have been asked to sign, including Chautauqua Institution.

"I signed the MOU on behalf of the Institution because I believe that collaboration is crucial to our chances of success in reversing the negative trends that are impacting Chautauqua Lake – placing it among the most stressed freshwater systems in the state," Hill said. "There are several things we were hoping to see in the MOU that aren't there, but we decided to not let the perfect be the enemy of the good. The region's lake stakeholders need to continue talking, listening and working together to save this lake.'

John E. Kelly, former executive vice president of IBM and a current Executive sponsor of The Jefferson Project, says this is an ideal partnership that will create both short- and long-term benefits.

"We believe that the Chautauqua Lake region is uniquely positioned to leverage the knowledge and resources of The Jefferson Project – both because of the existing foundation of

knowledge and research on this fascinating ecosystem, and because of the region-wide commitment to solid science-informed solutions to the ills of the lake," Kelly said. "We look forward to creating and sharing additional scientific data and knowledge toward the improvement of Chautauqua Lake in both the short- and long-terms. And, we are grateful for the leadership, action and investments of Chautauqua Institution with the Chautauqua Lake and Watershed Management Alliance that

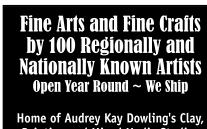
are making this possible."

The Jefferson Project was among four research teams that presented findings from recent research efforts at the Chautauqua Lake Quality Research Panel, sponsored by the Chautauqua Lake and Watershed Management Alliance and hosted on the CHQ Assembly Virtual Porch in April. This program remains available for viewing on-demand.

Chautauqua Institution will be hosting information sessions throughout the summer for those who wish to know more about the Jefferson Project's work on Chautauqua Lake and the Institution's lake conservation priority in general. Coverage of this work will appear throughout the summer in The Chautauquan Daily.







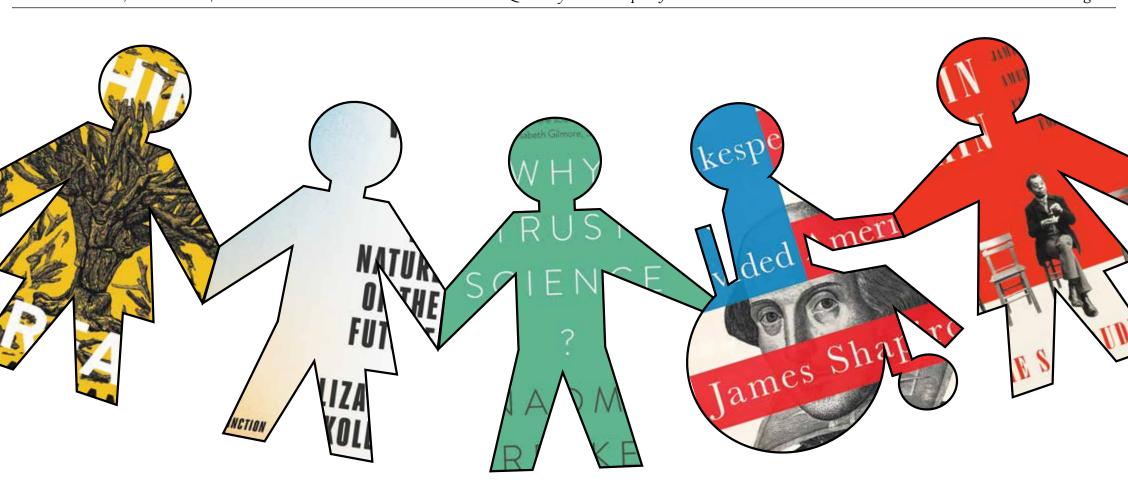
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# A Sense of Humanity

# CLSC fosters community through CHQ Assembly online platform

**SARAH VEST** STAFF WRITER

he past 15 months for most people have been an inexplicable mix of isolation and connection. What has never been more important is a sense of humanity, which is why this year's theme for the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, "The People," is particularly poignant.

Though it seems simple, "The People" is a wide-reaching theme. Sony Ton-Aime, the Michael I. Rudell Director of Literary Arts, tied this year's theme to 2020's vertical theme "The Land."

"We were thinking that we are people ... and that the land is quite transformed by us through technology," Ton-Aime said. "The land is also characteristic of the people who live there - the way the mountain people are different from people in the plains. We wanted to turn the lens through the people."

"The People" can be found in myr-

iad ways in the weekly themes, not only in the chosen books but in the conversations that Ton-Aime hopes will come out of the readings and presentations.

"Among the weekly themes is the human brain, empathy, our relationship with China, new frontiers - all of these are things that are really going down to what it means to be human, not only in an individual way but as a society," Ton-Aime said.

All of the books on the CLSC list this year are important in their own way, Ton-Aime said. He is particularly excited for Week Four which will feature Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and its Urgent Lessons for Our Own by Eddie S. Glaude Jr. and James Shapiro's Shakespeare in a Divided America: What His Plays Tell Us About Our Past and Future. The programs this week will span the Amphitheater and the CHQ Assembly Online Platform.

Week Two's book Under a White Sky: The Nature of the Future written by Elizabeth Kolbert expertly captures the idea of "The People" according to Ton-Aime.

"The whole book is about how human beings are adapting, changing, and fighting climate change. It is an amazing portrait of the people working to (save the planet)," Ton-Aime said.

Kolbert and Glaude are the only CLSC authors who will speak on the grounds this year. All other CLSC events will be held online on the CHQ Assembly Video Platform.

"When we made the decision to (hold everything online), we had to be proactive because our CLSC readers read the books months in advance of the season," Ton-Aime said.

He did not want to take a chance on having a year where there was no CLSC programming if he and his colleagues held off on choosing books and requesting authors.

"We know how much people appreciated having the CLSC conversations online last year; we knew we didn't want to deprive them of that,' Ton-Aime said.

Ton-Aime understands how frus-

trating it can be to have restrictions lifted amid beautiful weather and still be stuck inside on a computer for programming, especially for those who love the literary arts. There are benefits, however, to having CLSC programming on CHQ Assembly.

"We are able to have a writer who is in exile in England and a writer who is in Sweden who would not have been able to come here otherwise," Ton-Aime said.

Even the idea behind CHO Assembly and online programming harkens back to the theme of "The People," he said. By creating online communities, the CLSC can grow its global audience and spark transcontinental conversations. Ton-Aime firmly believes that readers will enjoy the programs as much as they would if they were going to be in person.

"For that I will need the collaboration of Chautauquans and hope that they will take ownership of the programs like they have in the past," Ton-Aime said. "They will want to

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Week Five:

Anxious People

by Fredrik Backman

Week Six:

Your Home Will Pay: A Novel

by Steph Cha

Week Seven:

The Riches of this Land: The Untold, True Story of America's Middle Class

by Jim Tankersley

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On Vanishing: Morality, Dementia, and What It Means to Disappear

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by Eliese Colette Goldbach

### LITERARY ARTS

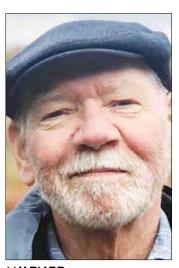
# Week 1 writers-in-residence launch CHQ Assembly summer with connections between poetry, prose

SARAH VEST

Sonja Livingston is a nonfiction prose writer who her inspiration through poetry. Robert Miltner is a poet who disguises poetry as prose.

Miltner and Livingston are the Chautauqua Writers' Center Week One poet- and prose writer-in-residence, respectively. These writers are kicking off Week One with a reading at 3:30 p.m. Sunday on the CHQ Assembly Virtual Porch. Both writers will also be teaching writing workshops over the course of the week through the CHQ Assembly Online Classroom. Miltner will be teaching "Writing Prose Poetry" while Livingston will be teaching "Writing the Literary Snapshot."

authors are uniquely paired because Livingston is a prose writer who employs techniques traditionally used by poets to create what she calls "snapshots." Livingston described "snapshots" as "the ways in which writers can borrow from poets and write very short, intense, vibrant pieces to get started on lon-



ger nonfiction projects." On the flip side, Miltner focuses on prose poems. Prose poems are poems written with prose-like rhythms but are short, justified blocks of text that closely examine one thing.

"At first it seems mysterious, but once you understand it it's like, 'Wow, look what's happening here. This is a poem that can do three or four tricks at the same time," Miltner said.

Livingston has multiple memoirs, including Ghostbread and The Virgin of Prince Street. Her nonfiction works have won an AWP Book Prize, a New



LIVINGSTON

York Arts Fellowship, an Iowa Review Award, a VanderMey Nonfiction Prize and an Arts and Letters Essay Prize. She is currently an associate professor of English at Virginia Commonwealth University.

For her reading Livingston has chosen a piece titled "Jewel," a "snapshot" that has to do with living in the inner city of Rochester, New York, and how, according to Livingston, she learned about race as a white person growing up around people of color. She has also chosen to read from her first memoir Ghostbread about her time living on nearby Tonawan-Indian Reservation, as well as in Rochester.

Miltner has written two books of prose poetry, Hotel Utopia and Orpheus & Echo, as well as two prose poetry chapbooks titled Against the Simple and Eurydice Rising. He is a professor emeritus at Kent State University and has a master of fine arts in creative writing. Miltner is the recipient of an Ohio Arts Council Individual Excellence Award for poetry, an Ohio

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#### -ROBERT MILTNER

Poet-in-residence. Chautauqua Writers' Center

Arts Council Fellowship at Vermont Studio Center and a writing residency at The Wassaic Project.

In his reading, Miltner will be exploring his prose poetry's evolution over time by reading a few pieces from each of his prose poetry books. He described his early works from Hotel Utopia as loose prose poems that are more musical in nature and less compressed. His later works from Orpheus & Echo explore more use of negative space on the page.

"They are rectangular prose poems that look like mice were eating at them because there is no punctuation and no capitalization," he said.

In addition to their readings, both ers-in-residence will be offering Brown Bag talks. Miltner will be giving his talk "The Double Room: Two Places at the Same Time" and Livingstons' will be on "The Literary Snapshot: The Wisdom of Starting Small." The Brown Bags will be at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday and Friday respectively on the Virtual Porch.



# Your 2021 CLSC Reading List

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China Dream, by Ma Jian, translated by Flora Drew Ma Daode, a corrupt and lecherous party official, has been appointed director of the China Dream Bureau and charged with replacing people's private dreams with President Xi Jinping's great China Dream of national rejuvenation. Just as he is about to present his plan for a mass golden wedding anniversary celebration, his sanity begins to unravel. Suddenly plagued by flashbacks of the Cultural Revolution, Ma Daode's nightmare visions from the past threaten to destroy his dream for a glorious future.

#### Under a White Sky: The Nature of the Future, by Elizabeth Kolbert

That man should have dominion "over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth" is a prophecy that has hardened into fact. Human impacts are now so pervasive on the planet that it is said we now live in a new geological epoch: the Anthropocene. In Under a White Sky, Elizabeth Kolbert takes a hard look at the world we are creating and the way the inventions that have imperiled our planet may be the only hope for its salvation.

#### Why Trust Science?, by Naomi Oreskes

Are doctors right when they tell us vaccines are safe? Should we take climate experts at their word when they warn us about global warming? Why should we trust science when so many of our political leaders don't? Tracing the history and philosophy of science from the late-19th century to today, this timely and provocative book offers a compelling defense of science, revealing why the social character of scientific knowledge is its greatest strength and the reason we can trust it.

#### Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and its Urgent Lessons for Our Own, by Eddie S. Glaude Jr.

Begin Again is one of the great books on James Baldwin and a powerful reckoning with America's ongoing failure to confront the lies it tells itself about race. Just as in Baldwin's "after times," when white Americans met the civil rights movement's call for truth and justice with blind rage and the murders of movement leaders, so in our moment were the Obama presidency and the birth of Black Lives Matter answered with the ascendance of Trump and the violent resurgence of white nationalism. In these pages, Glaude finds hope and guidance in Baldwin as he mixes biography with history, memoir and poignant analysis of our current moment to reveal the painful cycle of Black resistance and white retrenchment.

#### Shakespeare in a Divided America: What His Plays Tell Us About Our Past and Future, by James Shapiro

The plays of William Shakespeare are rare common ground in the United States. For well over two centuries, Americans have turned to Shakespeare's work to explore the nation's fault lines. Shakespeare in a Divided America reveals how no writer has been more embraced or has shed more

#### light on the hot-button issues in our history. Anxious People, by Fredrik Backman

Looking at real estate isn't usually a life or death situation, but an apartment open house becomes just that when a failed bank robber bursts in and takes a group of strangers hostage. Each hostage carries a lifetime of grievances, hurts, secrets and passions that are ready to boil over. None of them are who they appear to be and they all crave some sort of salvation. As the apartment is surrounded by the media and authorities alike, these reluctant allies will

#### set in motion an unexpected chain of events. Your House Will Pay: A Novel by, Steph Cha

In the wake of the police shooting of a black teenager, Los Angeles is as tense as it's been since the unrest of the early 1990s. Grace Park and Shawn Matthews have their own problems. Grace is sheltered in the valley with her Korean-immigrant parents and distraught that her sister hasn't spoken to her mother in two years. Shawn has had enough of politics and protest after an act of violence shattered his family. When another shocking crime hits Los Angeles, both families will have to face their history while

#### navigating a city on the brink of more violence. The Riches of this Land: The Untold, True Story of Amer-

ica's Middle Class, by Jim Tankersley For over a decade, Jim Tankersley has been on a journey to understand what happened to the world's greatest middle-class success story: the post-World War II boom that faded into decades of stagnation and frustration for American workers. In The Riches of This Land, Tankersley fuses the story of forgotten Americans – struggling women and men he met on his journey into the travails of the middle class - with important new economic and political research, providing fresh understanding how to create a more widespread prosperity.

#### On Vanishing: Mortality, Dementia, and What It Means to Disappear, by Lynn Casteel Harper

An estimated 50 million people in the world suffer from dementia. Diseases like Alzheimer's erase parts of one's memory but are also said to erase the self. People don't die from such diseases; they are imagined as vanishing in plain sight. Weaving together personal stories with theology, history, philosophy, literature and science, Week Eight chaplain-in-residence at Chautauqua Institution, Lynn Casteel Harper confronts our elemental fears of disappearance and death, drawing on her experiences with people with dementia both in the U.S. health care system and within her own family.

#### Rust: A Memoir of Steel and Grit, by Eliese Colette

Fresh out of college, eager to leave behind her conservative hometown and come to terms with her Christian roots, Goldbach finds herself applying for a job at the local steel mill. The mill is everything she is trying to escape, but it's also her only shot at financial security in an economically devastated and forgotten part of America. Goldbach brings the reader inside the belly of the mill and the middle American upbringing that brought her there in the first place. She takes a long and intimate look at her Rust Belt childhood and struggles to reconcile her desire to leave without turning her back on the people she's come to love.

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### MUSIC



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Music School Festival Orchestra Music Director Timothy Muffitt leads students of the MSFO in rehearsal Wednesday in Elizabeth S. Lenna Hall.

# School of Music students, faculty look to season with anticipation

**NICHOLE JIANG** STAFF WRITER

After a year of endless Zoom calls, social distancing and uncertainty, the School of Music returns to the stage with a highly anticipated season.

cludes the Voice Program, Piano Program and the Music School Festival Orchestra – faces various challenges every year, but 2020 may have presented the school with its biggest challenge yet: COVID-19.

trying to develop our safety protocols so that we could offer a great learning experience for the students but also keep it safe. Since things with COVID-19 changed so much, sometimes daily or weekly, we had to continu-

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alter them," said Sarah Malinoski-Umberger, manager of the Chautauqua Schools of Performing and Visual Arts. "It was a lot of research. We also decided to reduce our enrollments, so that affected the way we structured the programs and what artistic offerings we wanted to prioritize."

With the pandemic resulting in the school hold-

As COVID-19 regulations loosened statewide, there was a scramble to put together a season that would

be like no other. "The pandemic was a moving target," said Timothy Muffitt, artistic and music director and conductor of the MSFO. "Between when we started planning and when we got here, we now have a level of vaccination that we didn't think would be feasible. Our planning was not based on people being vaccinated, but then once you put that ball in motion, you have to kind

ing its entire 2020 season virtually, most students are returning to the stage for the first time since February 2020. With all events held virtually last season, the students' new normal was practicing, rehearsing and meeting through a computer screen.

of keep following through."

#### Music School Festival Orchestra

The School of Music's orchestra will be the first program to return to the stage with their opening night performance at 8:15 p.m. Monday in the Amphitheater. Muffitt will lead the orchestra in pieces by Harlin and Schumann. Chautauqua Institution will also welcome this year's David Efron Conducting Fellow, Joshua Hong, who will be conducting Weber's Overture to Der Freischütz for opening night.

'We get many applicants from all over the world, and Joshua just really stood out from the crowd in terms of being the complete package," Muffitt said. "He has a personality that I thought

would work well in this environment, but mostly he's just a terrific conductor."

The MSFO will then continue their season with the Independence Day Celebration, two more Monday night performances, a special performance with the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra and then finish their season with a performance of The Marriage of Figaro with the Voice Program on July 19.

Many students weren't able to showcase their talents onstage in 2020.

"They auditioned for last season, but then all they got was a virtual experience," Muffitt said. "We wanted to honor our commitment to them and let them come

"What's so beautiful about it is that each of us are coming from our own respective places but we all come together," said Joseph Brozek, MSFO trumpet player. "By the end of the summer the orchestra just sounds so good because we're just so used to each other. It's a process of individual betterment and also how we can work together to sound our best. I love being able to perform onstage, but the greatest part of it all are the friendships I've made through music. The friendships live on even after a summer experience."

#### Voice Program

Not only is the Voice Program returning to the stage, Voice Chair Marlena Malas also returns to Chautauqua for the first time in years. Though the Voice Program won't hold any in-person weekly recitals this season, there are still plenty of performances to look forward to. The newly built Performance Pavilion on Pratt will host the opera performances of Hansel and Gretel and The Marriage of Figaro, which Malinoski-Umberger is most excited for.

"We're one of the only festivals putting on a staged opera with live orchestra this summer, so it was very ambitious," Malinoski-Um-berger said. "It's going to be amazing to have all of that talent back on the stage." Due to COVID-19 dorm re-

strictions, the Voice Program has just 24 in-person students and 11 virtual students. "I think we're all just

grateful to be here in person, no matter if it's 20 or 40," said Lydia Graham, who is performing the role of The Countess in Marriage of Figaro. "I'm sad that a lot of really talented singers can't be here in person, but I always love a small group because it can get more tight knit."

#### Piano Program

The Chautauqua Piano Competition Winners' Recital on July 11 will be the only time the public will be able to listen to the talented pianists of the Piano Program. Coming fresh off of a virtual season in 2020, this year's pianists are eager to participate and really showcase their talents, even with a shortened four-

week season. "Pretty much all the students participate in the competition, and this will be the only chance for the public to see the winners," said Nikki Melville, co-chair of the Piano Program. "It's just such a nice way of celebrating their playing. It's going to be a very special thing."

There are still other piano performances to attend: Heintzelman Family Artistic Adviser Alexander Gavrylyuk performs July 4, Piano Program faculty member Alexander Kobrin performs July 6, and artist-in-residence Jon Nakamatsu performs on July 13. All performances will take place on Steinway pianos, as the School of Music is one of only four official Steinway festivals.

Like other programs, the Piano Program was affected by COVID-19, forcing them to downsize to 19 students due to constant last-minute adjustments as well as contingencies based on international travel.

"Normally we like to have things in place months in advance," said John Milbaur, co-

chair of the Piano Program. Another obstacle the program faced was main-

taining connections with the community. "Keeping in contact with

the people who love our students and faithfully come to every single thing we do is super-important to us," Melville said. "I know it's frustrating for them that they're not able to come to events this season." After such a tough and

stressful year, everyone can't wait to be creating music on stage once again.

"It's just so exciting to be making music again," Muffitt said. "I just truly look forward to that moment when we're all on stage in front of an audience."



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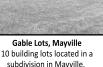
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Above, from left, Chautauqua Opera Company General and Artistic Director Steven Osgood, Young Artist Kelly Guerra and Guest Artist Chauncey Packer, accompanied by Emily Urbanek, rehearse for Scalia/ Ginsburg Wednesday in the Jane A. Gross Opera Center. Below, from left, Steve Swank, Jim Jones, Eric Oberg and John Oberg install paneling to create stage wings Monday in the Performance Pavilion on Pratt.

# THE SHOW MUST GO ON



**DAVE MUNCH / PHOTO EDITOR** 

# Theater, opera return for in-person summer after online-only 2020 season

**DAVID KWIATKOWSKI** 

dimmed the stage lights for much of 2020 and 2021 thus far, the show must eventually go on. Chautauqua Theater Company and Chautauqua Opera Company are back this season to entertain, reflect on the year and to deliver on their promise of showcasing the best and brightest up-and-coming

artists and actors. CTC Managing Director Sarah Clare Corporandy is eager to kick off the season to get back to what the com-

pany does best. "We really believe we're a bridge for everyone that comes to (the) theater company to something else," Corporandy said. "It may be you're an apprentice, and you're 19 years old, and this is your first job working with a professional theater company. Or it may be you're a company manager and you're in your 30s. And then you get a managing director job, or you start as an actor and move to teacher, and move to an associate artistic director and move to an artistic director. It's not just the schools that we have; it's the philosophy behind the whole company: 'How are we lifting each other up to the next?"

Industry unions, including the Actors' Equity Association, American Guild of Musical Artists and the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees have strict COVID-19 guidelines and with changing regulations, the companies had several different plans for what the season was going to look like. With the new Performance Pavilion on Pratt, with a capacity of 316, all shows from the theater and opera com-

pany will be outside. Artistic Director Andrew Borba described this sea-

escapism, but connecting formance Pavilion. community has had in the past year.

The company's first production, Blood at the Root by Dominique Morisseau, sets the tone for this season's theme. The show follows six Black high school students charged with attempted murder after fighting a white student. It is inspired by the real-life events of the Jena Six cases in Louisiana. The play follows the perspectives of each of the six characters.

'Sometimes shows are slanted in different directions," Corporandy said. "But it's not so circular in this, that I see each of these six characters have a moment where you get to hear how they're dealing with this situation. It gave me so much empathy for all six and reminded me that there are so many truths happening at one time, that's such a source of all of our conflicts: My truth, your truth, who is real? This play, for 90 minutes, made me realize it's all real."

Blood at the Root will run from June 29 through July 18 at the Performance Pavilion.

For Chautauquans looking for a Shakespeare production this year, the company is doing something a little different in writing their own production: Commedia. The show will be half-scripted and half improvisation, and the storylines will be ripped from the day's headlines, making the show different every time.

Directed by Borba, the impromptu nature of the show is a welcomed challenge.

There is something profoundly terrifying about that," Borba said. "And there is something very thrilling be-

cause we're out on the ledge.

Commedia will run from

And we're going to jump."

good, a one-person show about the life of Thurgood Marshall, the first Black justice on the Supreme Court. The show was written by George Stevens Jr. and will be directed by Steve H.

Broadnax III. Between learning about the arc of Marshall's career, the show also makes room to show the arc of America and how the issues Marshall faced during his lifetime still exist in America today.

"There is something about the play existing throughout his life, as an understanding of the arc of his life's journey," Borba said. "But also, it is extremely prescient now for what we are facing. We're just all in the same room together. It's a beautiful piece. You get to see this masterpiece while being conscious of the fact that we still have work to do in our world today."

Thurgood will run from Aug. 13 to Aug. 22 at the Performance Pavilion.

Chautauqua Opera Company has two productions this season: Scalia/Ginsburg and As the Così Crumbles: A Company-Developed Piece.

Scalia/Ginsburg is a oneact piece about the close, unlikely friendship between Supreme Court Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Antonin Scalia. The opera, written by Derrick Wang, was first introduced in 2013 at the U.S. Supreme Court. This production will be directed by Cara Consilvio and conducted by Steven Osgood, the general and artistic director of Chautau-

qua Opera Company. Ginsburg saw the play with Scalia when it first debuted. Though they differed on their interpretation of the

law, they shared a love for

opera. Ginsburg even deliv-

Osgood, who will conduct the opera, believes the themes and messages of Scalia/Ginsburg makes it the perfect show to kick off the season.

"I can't think of a better place to present this than Chautauqua," Osgood said. "We have both of those communities in spades here - people who will be so stimulated by the music of it and the law of it. The philosophy of it is incredibly heartwarming and timely. The idea that people on opposite sides of the ideological divide can be friends and respect each other - that's a good message for now."

Scalia/Ginsburg will run from July 9 to Aug. 6 at the Performance Pavilion.

The company's second production, As the Così Crumbles: A Company-Developed Piece, is currently still being written, but will allow performers to put new twists on classic arias and ensembles in opera. It will be conducted by Osgood and directed by Chauncey Packer, who will portray Antonin Scalia in Scalia/Ginsburg.

Osgood got the idea based on his experience in experimental theater at the Irondale Ensemble in New York.

"We would create new versions based on a classic," Osgood said. "We would take these plays, but explode them and bring in contemporary culture. It was all company-developed. And it was using games as a catalyst for improvisation."

The company has been developing the piece since

the beginning of March; it has evolved significantly since Osgood's initial vision. "Had you asked me then

to guess what the piece

son's lineup as not merely July 22 to Aug. 5 at the Perered a morning lecture about would be," Osgood said, "I what this summer's prothe depiction of lawyers in would have been talking gramming will bring out of While COVID-19 may have the shared experiences the The company will close opera on July 28, 2013, on the about (something else en- the Young Artists and actors. out their season with Thur- Amphitheater stage. tirely). As the Cosi Crumbles "(The Young Artists and is so far from what it was. It's all the same pitch, the same kind of philosophy. It's such a response to the company and what every individual brought to the table."

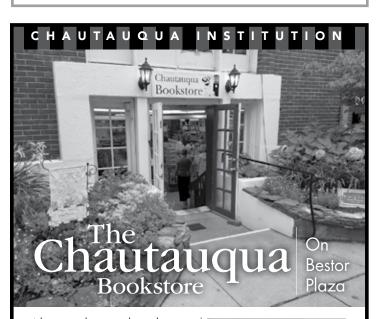
> As the Così Crumbles: A Company-Developed Piece will run at the Performance Pavilion from July 28 to

Osgood is excited to see

actors) stepped up to the plate and took over things,' Osgood said. "They took charge, they took an agency with their artistic output that is unprecedented. ... It's not going to be the COVID year and then back to normal. How do we take (this agency) and make it part of our company culture as we move forward forever?'



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# YOUTH/THEATER







**DAVE MUNCH / PHOTO FDITOR** 

Syracuse Stage actors perform The Food That's Alive by Panama Central School fourth-grader Annie Becker June 12 on Bestor Plaza. Six plays by third- and fourth-grade Chautauqua County Young Playwrights were performed as part of New York State's NY PopsUp initiative.

# **CTC Young Playwrights** merge virtual, live performances in 2021

DAVID KWIATKOWSKI

STAFF WRITER

Chautauqua's sixth annual Young Playwrights Project looked a little different this year. While another cohort of students still got the opportunity to have their scripts produced by the Chautauqua Theater Company, for the second year the actual performances of the plays were streamed online June 4 on the CHQ Assembly Platform because of COVID-19 risks. But with regulations loos-

The Institution's Young Playwright Program was created in 2014 and is a three-phase playwriting program for third- and fourth-graders in the area.

ening, many still were able

to experience their work live

and in-person.

The first phase of the program involves students watching videos teaching them to write a play and collaborating with the Institution's Arts Education teaching artists. The sessions encourage the students to develop their imagination and their voice as a writer. In the second phase, a team of volunteers meet with thirdgrade classes to act out their plays. They also find out which scripts are selected to be produced by CTC. The third phase involves CTC productions, and for the past two years, the film festival.

To produce the plays remotely, CTC got creative in bringing the scripts to life, using green screens and Snapchat filters alongside traditional costumes.

Over 200 young playwrights submitted their plays to be produced by CTC for the 2020-21 academic year.

The program continued to evolve as the YPP partnered up with NYPopsUp and Syracuse Stage to bring six plays by third and fourth graders from the last seven years of the program to life June 12 on Bestor Plaza. The four performers featured were students from Syracuse University's drama department: Zach Pearson, Emily Edwards, Brandon Richards and Summer Ainsworth, and the show was again this year directed by Katie McGerr.

The June 12 show opened with remarks from Institution President Michael E. Hill, welcoming Chautauquans back to Bestor Plaza and highlighting the importance of the Arts Education program at the Institution.

"It is really some of the most impactful work we do," Hill said at the event. "It's also the first expression of

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-MICHAEL E. HILL

Chautauqua Institution

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The six plays featured in the show were The Pollution Problem by Emma Johnson of Carlyle C. Ring Elementary School; The Boy Who Wanted a Hoop by Giovannie Jackson of M.J. Fletcher Elementary; It's Snowing Cats and Dogs! by Surainati Rivera of Westfield Academy and Central School; Musclehead Marty and Toughquy Tom Learn How To Be Nice by Austin Belin of Samuel G. Love Elementary; The Food That's Alive by Annie Becker of Panama Central School; and Suki and His Friends by Madison Rosage of Chautauqua Lake Central School.

While some plays dealt with social issues like pollution, other plays were carefree and imaginative, like in The Food That's Alive which chronicles a gross school lunch coming to life.

Madison Rosage and Annie Becker got to see their plays Suki and His Friends and The Food That's Alive, respectively, performed live on Bestor Plaza, sitting front

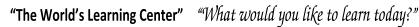
In her interview portion of the Young Playwrights Project 2021 Film Festival, Rosage explained that the characters were based on her stuffed animals and chose Batty to be the scared character for a reason.

"I wanted to make a character that was scared," Rosage said. "And since (Batty) was the smallest animal out of the four (characters), I wanted young people to think that even if they are scared all the time, they could still be the hero."

The Young Playwrights Project 2021 Film Festival is available to stream on CHQ Assembly with an account and the NYPopsUp Bestor Plaza show is available to stream on the Institution's Facebook page.

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Thu. July 15th: The Probables Thu. July 22nd: Alex Kates

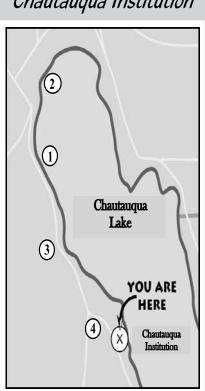
\*Wed. July 28th: The ChautauquaTheater Company

Thu. Aug. 5th: The Rustic Ramblers

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### RELIGION

#### Abrahamic Program for Young Adults

APYA, founded 16 years ago, is designed to reflect the efforts and mission of the Department of Religion by teaching young adults at Chautauqua Institution about the shared heritage of the Abrahamic traditions. Programming has been suspended until the 2022 season.

#### Baha'i Faith

The Baha'i Faith community of Chautauqua will resume its programming in 2022.

#### **Baptist House**

Chautauqua **Baptist** House will not be holding programming on the grounds this season due to COVID-19. Please refer to the Facebook page for information about the Baptist House, located at 35 Clark.

#### Blessing and Healing Daily Service

A service of Blessing and Healing will be held at 10 a.m. weekdays in Randell Chapel at UCC Society Headquarters. This service provides a few quiet minutes in a very busy schedule. COVID-19 protocols will be observed.

#### Chautauqua Catholic Community

Masses this weekend are at 5 p.m. on Saturday and at noon on Sunday in the Hurlbut Church at 21 Scott. Masses are held at 8 a.m. and noon weekdays in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

Priests in residence this week are the Rev. Hugh Burns, O.P., administrator of St. Theresa - St. Anthony of Padua Parish in South Ozone Park, New York; and the Rev. Gerald J. Bednar, retired professor of systematic theology at St. Mary's Seminary in Cleveland.

Deacon Ray and Patt Defendorf, of All Saints Parish, Corning, New York, are hosts at Catholic House.

# Zigdon Chabad Jewish

Rabbi Zalman Vilenkin leads the Shabbat service at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday at ZCJH, 23 Vincent. The Torah reading is Balak (Numbers 22:2). A Kiddush sponsored by Elaine and George Haas follows at 12:15 p.m. and Shabbat ends at 9:51 p.m. Sunday is the 17th of Tammuz. The fast begins at 3:41 a.m. and ends at 9:33 p.m.

Vilenkin presents "Maimonides - Principles of Faith" from 9:15 to 10 a.m. Monday at the ZCJH and also via Zoom. Visit cocweb. org to log in to classes. This class is not an exposition but rather an expedition into Judaism's 13 principles of the faith. No membership, background or affiliation required for services.

#### Chautauqua Dialogues

Chautauqua Dialogues was established as an opportunity for Chautauquans to have meaningful engagement and conversation within the context of the Chautaugua weekly theme in an informal and small group setting provided by the denominational houses. The Dialogues will resume in the 2022 season.

#### Chautauqua Prays for Peace Through Compassion

Chautaugua Prays for Peace through Compassion takes place from 8:30 to 8:35 a.m. weekdays around the Peace Pole in the Hall of Missions

#### Christian Science House

"Christian Science" is this week's sermon at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday service in the Chapel at the Christian Science House.

The Reading Room is open to everyone 24/7 for reflection and prayer. The Bible lesson, "God," may be read along with current and archived copies of Chris-



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tian Science periodicals, including the Christian Science Monitor, and access to church-based resources on the computer.

#### Disciples of Christ

The Rev. Brenda E. Francis, associate minister at David's United Church of Christ in Canal Winchester, Ohio, and chaplain at OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital, presides at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Communion service at the Disciples of Christ Headquarters House, 32 Clark.

The Communion meditation, "Shared Suffering," is based on Job 2:12-13. Members invite the community to come explore how they witness, share and endure their own suffering and that of others.

#### **Ecumenical Community of** Chautauqua

Monday Brown Bags will resume in 2022.

#### Episcopal Chapel of the Good Shepherd

The Rev. Tom Broad, a retired priest in the diocese of Western New York, presides at the celebration of the Eucharist at 7:45 and 9 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. A service of spoken Compline is held at 9:30 p.m. Sunday in the chapel. The chapel is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays for prayer and meditation. Occupancy is limited to 40 people.

#### **Everett Jewish Life Center** in Chautauqua

"Shoelaces," (2018; 90 min-

utes; Hebrew with English subtitles) kicks off the 2021 Jewish Film Series. View the film online from 2 p.m. Sunday through 5 p.m. Friday on assembly.chq.org.

#### Food Pantry Donations

Hurlbut Church is accepting nonperishable food items for the Ashville Food Pantry. Donations may be dropped off at any time at the Scott entrance of Hurlbut Church, where the door will be unlocked all season.

#### Hebrew Congregation

This season's first Kabbalat Shabbat, welcoming of the Sabbath, will be at 5 p.m. Friday in Miller Park. The rain venue is Smith Wilkes Hall.

#### **Hurlbut Church Meal** Ministry

Hurlbut Church is cooking, and everyone is invited. The church serves lunch from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. weekdays and dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursdays at Hurlbut

All proceeds benefit the mission and ministries of the Hurlbut Church. Meals are eat-in or takeout. Masks are required for those not vaccinated.

#### **Hurlbut Memorial Community Church**

A service of meditation, Scripture, prayer, songs and Communion is held from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. Sundays at Hurlbut Church. Masks are required for those not vaccinated. If fully vaccinated, mask wearing is optional.

#### International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons

The Ida A. Vanderbeck Chapel at 39 Pratt is open to all for prayer and meditation from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The IOKDS Learn and Discern college interns started their internship on June 20. For more information about the mission and programs, consult the website at iokds.org.

#### Islamic Community

Jum'ah, the Friday Muslim communal prayer, has traditionally been held every Friday in the Hall of Christ. This service will resume in the 2022 season.

#### Labyrinth

Chautauquans have an opportunity to walk the Labyrinth, located next to Turner Community Center just north of the parking lot. The Labyrinth is always open for quiet meditation. Bring your gate pass. Norma and Wally Rees will resume their orientation which includes a brief history of the uses of the Labyrinth – in the 2022 season.

#### Lutheran House

The Rev. Matthew Finney. pastor at St. Paul Lutheran in Sassamansville, Pennsylvania, presides at the service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday in the Lutheran House. Masks are required for those not vaccinated. The Lutheran House is located on the brick walk at 25 Peck.

#### Mystic Heart Meditation

Bhante Chipamong Chowdhury leads Theravada Buddhism/Mindfulness meditation from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. weekdays in the Marion Lawrence Room in Hurlbut Church, second floor. Enter via the side door on Scott Avenue. An elevator is available.

#### Presbyterian House

The Rev. Cynthia Strickland, a retired Presbyterian minister who has served churches in New Jersey and North Carolina, presides at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship in the Presbyterian House Chapel. Her message, "Rest for Your Souls," based on Psalm 130 and Matthew 11:28-30. Strickland serves as president of the board of the Presbyterian Association of Chautauqua. A graduate of Northwestern University and Drew Theological School, she lives in North Carolina.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, chapel attendance is open only to Chautauguans who have been vaccinated and their unvaccinated children under the age of 12.

Presbyterian House invites all Chautauquans for coffee on the porch following the weekday morning worship and preceding the 10:30 a.m. lecture. However, because adequate social-distancing cannot be maintained on our porch, all persons 12 years and older who have not been fully vaccinated must wear a mask at all times at the porch events.

#### **Religious Society of** Friends (Quakers)

Society of Friends (Quakers) meets for worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at the new Ouaker House at 28 Ames. Singing begins at 9:15 a.m. Current COVID-19 safety precautions will be observed.

#### **Unitarian Universalist**

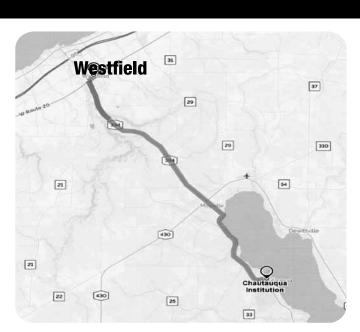
For information about the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Chautauqua, please refer to uufchautauqua.org.

#### **United Church of Christ**

Greg Carey, professor of New Testament at Lancaster Theological Seminary, leads worship at 9 a.m. Sunday in Randell Chapel at the UCC Headquarters. His sermon, "Sacred Touch," based on Mark 5: 21-43, focuses on touch during COVID-19.

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Carey holds a bachelor's degree from Rhodes College, a master's of divinity from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and holds a doctorate from Vanderbilt University, and has appeared on the BBC, PBS, the Discovery Channel and the History Channel.

#### **United Methodist**

The Rev. Douglas Thompson, a member of the Western Pennsylvania Conference and former host of the United Methodist Missionary Vacation Home at Chautaugua, leads our 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship service in the United Methodist House Chapel. His sermon is titled, "Love! Do not Condemn. Save!"

All are welcome at our Three Taps welcome back party on our porch following

the Sunday evening Vespers. Stop by for coffee between the morning worship and 10:30 a.m. lecture weekdays. To pre-order a lunch for the noontime Tuesday Chaplain's Chat, stop by the house or call 716-357-2055.

#### Unity of Chautauqua

The Rev. Doral R. Pulley, senior minister of Today's Church in St. Petersburg, Florida, leads the 9:30 a.m. Sunday service in Hurlbut Church, on Zoom and via Facebook live. Details can be found at www.unitychq.org. His message is titled, "The Courage to Walk on By: Luke 10:25-37."

Pulley has spent 40 years working in ministry. Previously, he served churches in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area.

Unity holds Daily Word meditation from 8 to 8:30 a.m. weekdays in the lower level of Hurlbut Church.

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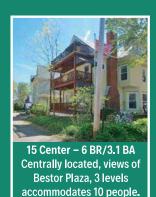
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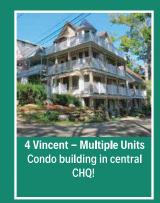


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# ENVIRONMENT









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Mark Wenzler, director of the Chautauqua Climate Change Initiative, documented his June 14–19 ride from Washington, D.C. to the grounds on the Institution's Instagram page. In chronological order, a selection:
On the National Mall in front of Capitol Hill; on a trail in central Pennsylvania; leaving the Allegheny National Forest south of Warren, Pennsylvania; a view of Chautauqua Lake at Hartley Park in Lakewood, New York.



DAVE MUNCH / PHOTO EDITOR

Wenzler is greeted as he arrives at the Miller Bell Tower, marking the conclusion of his 370-mile bike ride from Chautauqua's satellite home in Washington, D.C. on June 19.

# Doing the legwork

Mark Wenzler, the first director of Chautauqua's Climate Change Initiative, began his Chautauqua tenure with a 370-mile bike ride to the grounds from Chautauqua's Washington, D.C. office. Wenzler documented his journey through Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New York on social media, using the trip as a teaching and learning opportunity. The ride was aligned with Climate Ride, raising funds for and awareness of the Climate Change Initiative. Watch for comprehensive coverage of the initial stages of the initiative this summer in the Daily.



DAVE MUNCH / PHOTO EDITOR Above, Wenzler rides along Route 394 as he approaches the Institution grounds on the final leg of his 370-mile bike ride. Right, Wenzler is greeted by Chautauqua Fund Co-Chairs Bill and Debbie Currin as he makes his way to Miller Park on June 19.







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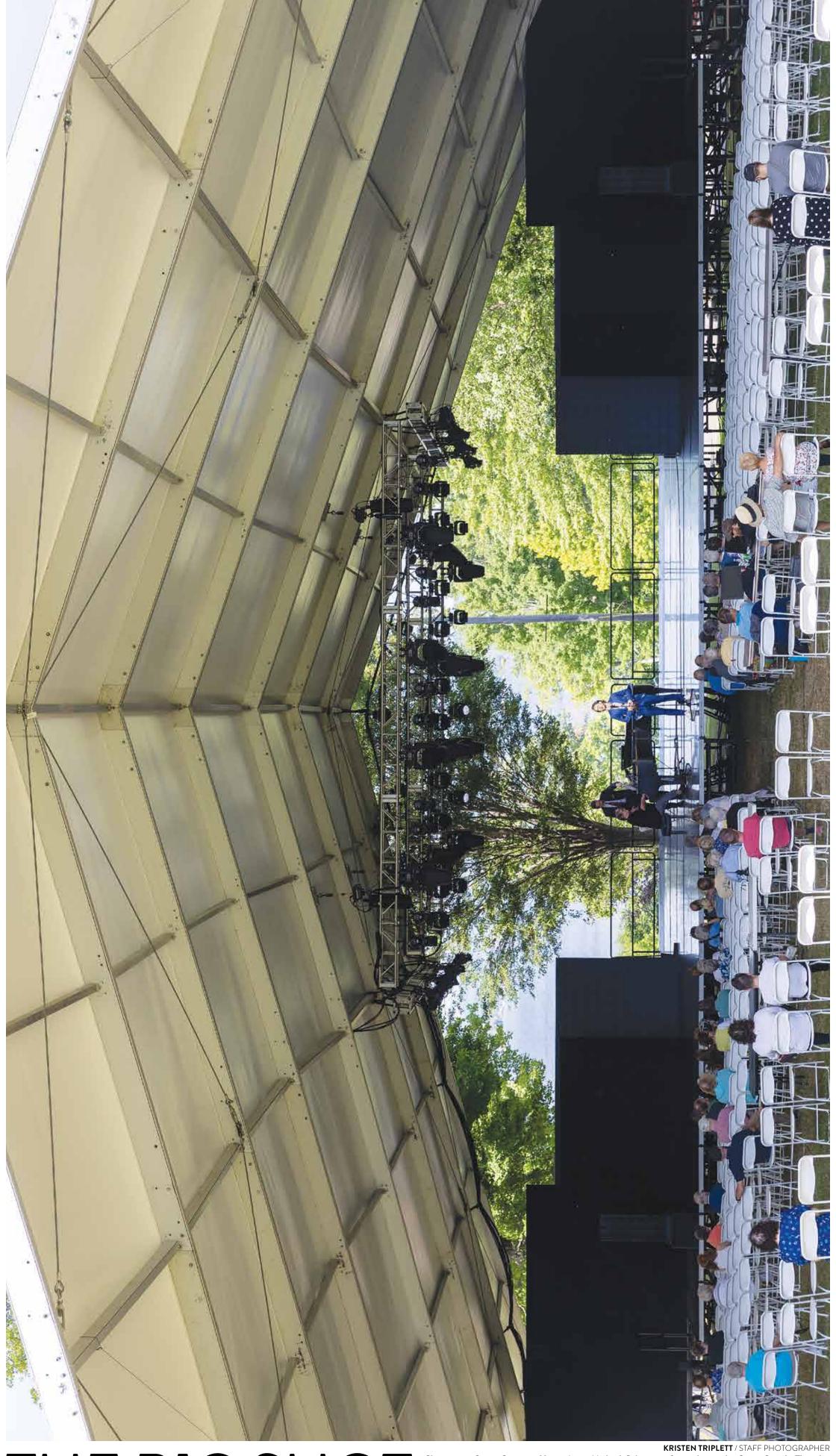
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THE BIG SHOT

Chautauqua Opera Company Young Artist Michael Colman performs during the Opera Sing-In Thursday in the Performance Pavilion on Pratt — constructed to abide by COVID-19 regulations for the 2021 season. More than a Sing-In for Chautauqua Opera, the Thursday program was a Sing-In for the Pavilion itself: It was the first-ever event in the new open-air venue nestled beneath the Arts Quad, overlooking Chautauqua Lake.

### THE DAILY



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The 2021 Daily staff is, from left, Meg Viehe, Sara Toth, Mary Lee Talbot, Annalee Hubbs, David Kwiatkowski, Nichole Jiang, Laura Philion, Grace Bukowski, Sarah Vest, Kristen Triplett, Nick Danlag, Max Zambrano and Dave Munch. Not pictured are Olivia Dutkewych, Breanna Nelson, Jordyn Russell, Deb Trefts, John Warren and Meredith Wilcox.

# Meet your 2021 Chautauquan Daily staff

#### **GRACE BUKOWSKI**

Grace Bukowski is a design editor at The Chautauquan Daily and studies new media design at the Rochester Institute of Technology. She is from Mayville, New York, but this is her first time spending a summer at Chautaugua. Her goal this season is to build an understanding of the community and all that makes up Chautaugua. When she is not designing, she spends her time learning about ocean life and ways to be more eco-friendly.

#### **NICK DANLAG**

REPORTER

This is Nick Danlag's second season at the Daily reporting on the Chautauqua Lecture Series. He worked remotely last year but loved waking up each day in Las Vegas to learn more about Chautauqua through his reporting. From Mount Laurel, New Jersey, Nick earned a creative writing degree from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida. As editor-in-chief of his student newspaper, The Current, he loved helping the staff develop their voices.

#### **OLIVIA DUTKEWYCH**

DESIGN EDITOR

Olivia Dutkewych is a rising senior majoring in publication design at Ohio University. She is head of publication design at Variant Magazine and has also worked with The Post at OU. This is her first season with the Daily where she serves as a designer. In her free time, Olivia likes to do arts and crafts and listen to true crime podcasts.

#### **ANNALEE HUBBS**

COPY & DIGITAL EDITOR

Annalee Hubbs is spending her first season in Chau-

tauqua as a copy and digital editor for the Daily. A native of Louisville, Kentucky, Annalee recently graduated from Western Kentucky University where she studied journalism, digital advertising and fashion merchandising. When she is not working, Annalee can be found reading, playing board games or tending to her 40-plus plants.

#### **NICHOLE JIANG**

REPORTER

Nichole is a rising senior at Penn State University majoring in digital print journalism with a minor in Chinese. At PSU, Nichole served as a web writer for Valley Magazine and is currently an editor and writer for College Magazine. As a first-timer at Chautauqua, Nichole is excited to be working with the Daily and experiencing everything the area has to offer. Nichole loves going to the beach and trying out new recipes.

#### DAVID KWIATKOWSKI

David Kwiatkowski is a rising senior at Miami of Ohio University studying journalism and American studies. He is both a senior campus and community editor and the entertainment editor for The Miami Student newspaper, a writing consultant for the Howe Writing Center, and a staff writer for Gaye Magazine. He will be reporting on the theater and opera companies during his first season at Chautauqua. When he isn't writing or editing, David enjoys listening to music and podcasts or watching movies.

#### **DAVE MUNCH**

PHOTO FDITOR

Dave Munch is the photo editor of the Daily and serves year-round as multimedia producer for Chautauqua Institution. A Cincinnati native, Munch graduated from Ohio University and has worked as a staff photographer for the Baltimore Sun Media Group and the Erie Times-News. Munch's work has been featured in publications across the country. He lives in Jamestown with his wife.

#### **BREANNA NELSON**

EDITORIAL OFFICE MANAGER

Breanna Nelson serves as the Daily's editorial office manager. She is a senior at SUNY Oswego where she studies public relations. This is Breanna's first summer with the Daily, and she intends to absorb the unique culture that Chautauqua and its people have to offer. Breanna considers herself an "old soul" and looks forward to traveling the world.

#### **LAURA PHILION**

COPY & DIGITAL EDITOR

This is Laura's second season with the Daily, but her first on the grounds. Although born in Buffalo, she has spent most of her life in the South, bouncing between North Carolina and Virginia. In the fall, Laura will return to Sarah Lawrence College as a senior studying writing and art history. When not copy editing this summer, she will be on the lake, getting a sunburn.

# **JORDYN RUSSELL**

Jordyn Russell is a senior at Penn State University where she studies broadcast journalism and theater. Jordyn's interest in reporting began during her freshman year when she was able to take her first journalism class, leading to her dream of becoming a news anchor

industry. When she is not busy writing, Jordyn enjoys singing with her a cappella group, Shades of Blue, and performing in musicals.

#### MARY LEE TALBOT

REPORTER

Mary Lee Talbot writes the recap of the morning worship service. A lifelong Chautauquan, Mary Lee is a Presbyterian minister, author of Chautauqua's Heart: 100 Years of Beauty and a history of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. She edited The Streets Where We Live and Shalom Chautauqua. She lives in Chautauqua year-round with her stabyhoun, Sammi.

#### **SARA TOTH**

Sara Toth is entering her fourth summer as editor of The Chautauquan Daily – this season once again back in the newsroom producing a physical newspaper – and works year-round in Chautauqua Institution's Department of Education. Previously, Sara served four years as the Daily's assistant and then managing editor. An alum of the Daily internship program, she is a native of Pittsburgh(ish), attended Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania, and worked for nearly four years as a reporter in the Baltimore Sun Media Group. She lives in Jamestown with her husband, a photographer, and her cat, a Lilac.

#### **DEB TREFTS**

REPORTER Deb Trefts is a policy scientist with extensive United States, Canadian and additional international experience in conservation. She focuses on the resolution of ocean and qua. Her advice to her grandfreshwater-related challengchildren and others: "Be nice within the entertainment es and the art and science of to everyone at Chautauqua.

public policy at all levels from part of your future family." global to local.

#### KRISTEN TRIPLETT

**PHOTOGRAPHER** 

This is Kristen Triplett's first season with the Daily where she serves as a photographer. She discovered her love for photography in college and will be graduating from Ball State University with a degree in photojournalism at the end of this summer. Her passions are portrait photography and portraying stories through her work. When not working, Kristen enjoys frequenting local coffee shops, playing guitar and spending time by the riverfront in her hometown of New Albany, Indiana.

#### **SARAH VEST**

Sarah Vest is a recent Saint Joseph's University graduate and lifelong Chautauquan, though this is her first season working at the Daily. She will be reporting on literary arts. At St. Joe's, Sarah majored in English and minored in both biology and Medieval, Renaissance and Reformation studies. She was a coxswain for the Division I women's rowing team, and when not on the water, Sarah enjoys spending time reading and baking.

#### **MEG VIEHE** REPORTER

teacher living in Newport Beach, California, during the off-season. She is happiest when she and her husband Rich are surrounded by grandchildren and their parents, the extended Viehe clan and friends at Chautau-

Meg Viehe is a retired

deciphering and developing You never know who will be

#### JOHN WARREN

John Warren is a writing coach and occasional columnist for The Chautauquan Daily. His "day job" is as news director for The University of California, Riverside. He was a writer and editor in print journalism for 20 years, including at The

Virginian-Pilot. He is a life-

#### MEREDITH WILCOX

long Chautauquan.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Meredith Wilcox is a firsttime staffer and photographer for the Daily. She is a lifelong resident of Erie, Pennsylvania, where she attended Gannon University. She has written for several publications across the country and is passionate about photographing live events, especially rock concerts. When she's not following her favorite bands across the tri-state area, she can be found tending to her garden or relaxing at Presque Isle State Park with her husband.

#### **MAX ZAMBRANO** REPORTER

Max Zambrano is a recent Western Kentucky University graduate in his first season at Chautauqua. At WKU, he served as editor-in-chief of the Talisman magazine and website, majored in political science and minored in journalism writing. Max has traveled to Australia and Morocco, and he hopes to visit all 50 states (28 to go). This summer, he will report on interfaith lectures and sacred song services. Let him know if you want to play backgammon on Bestor Plaza.

# COMMUNITY

William Clinger

Former U.S. Representative William F. ("Bill") Clinger, Jr. (R-PA) of Naples, Florida, and Chautauqua, New York, passed away on May 28, 2021. Born on April 4, 1929, in Warren, Pennsylvania, to the late William F. Clinger, Sr. and Lella May Hunter Clinger, Bill graduated from the Hill School in Pottstown, Pennsylvania in 1947 and earned a bachelor's degree in English from The Johns

Hopkins University in 1951.

In 1951 he also married his beloved wife Julia "Judy' Whitla, who prede-

ceased him



**CLINGER** 

in 2016. He served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy from 1951 to 1955 before returning to Warren, where he was an executive at the New Process Company from 1955 to 1962. During these years, he and Judy started their family and, as a young father, Bill entered law school and earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Virginia in 1965, where he was on the editorial board of the Virginia Law Review. The family returned to Warren, where Bill was in private law practice for 12 years at the firm of Harper, Clinger, Eberly and Marti. Bill was active in his community during those years, serving as chairman of the Kinzua Dam Dedication Committee, president of the Warren Library Associ-

ation, and as a delegate to

the 1968 Pennsylvania Con-

stitutional Convention and the 1972 Republican National Convention. In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford appointed Bill to serve as Chief Counsel of the U.S. Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration. Following President Ford's defeat in the 1976 election, Bill returned to Warren and launched a long-shot bid to unseat an incumbent Democratic Member of Congress in the 1978 midterm election. He won that race and was subsequently re-elected eight times by the voters in his northwestern Pennsylvania congressional district, usually by overwhelming margins. During his 18 years in Congress, he earned a reputation as an effective legislator and principled consensus-builder who was highly respected on both sides of the political aisle. In 1995, after Republicans captured control of the House for the first time in over 40 years, Bill's colleagues chose him to chair the powerful House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. In that capacity, he co-authored landmark legislation to reform the federal government's procurement process (the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996), as well as a law preventing the federal government from imposing unfunded mandates on States and lo-

calities. As a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, where he served as Vice Chairman in the 104th Congress, Bill was a passionate advocate for investments in infrastructure and other capital improvements to better the lives of the residents in his largely rural district. His time in Congress included stints as the chairman of both the House Wednesday Group and the Ripon Society Board of Directors. Upon retirement from Congress in 1997, Bill joined the faculty of The Johns Hopkins University as a Senior Fellow at the Center for Advanced Governmental Studies, having received the University's Harold Seidman Distinguished Service Award in 1996. In 1997, he and Judy spent a semester at Harvard University's Kennedy School

of Government, where he was a Fellow at the Institute of Politics.

In addition to his academic postings, Bill was an active member of a number of boards and other organizations - many of them focused on good government issues – including the Council on Excellence in Government, the National Academy of Public Administration, the National Building Museum and the Former Members of Congress Association. Bill was a lifelong summer resident of Chautauqua Institution in Chautauqua, New York, where he met and courted Judy while working as a reporter for The Chautauquan Daily newspaper during his college summers. He served on the Institution's Board of Trustees after his retirement from Congress, including two terms as chairman of the board. In recognition of his many contributions to the Institution, Chautauqua endowed an ongoing lectureship in his and Judy's honor at the conclusion of his service on the board.

Bill was the devoted and adored father of four children: Eleanore "Bijou" (Greg) Miller of New York City, William F. Clinger III of Chicago, James Hunter (Catherine) Clinger of Alexandria, and Julia Boulton Clinger of Newton, Massachusetts. He is also survived by seven beloved grandchildren: Sara and Juliet Miller, Charlotte and Jane Clinger, and Boulton, Porter, and William Yanhs.

#### Charles Heinz

Charles Howard Heinz, 77, passed away at his home in Chautauqua, New York, on Oct. 5, 2020, following an extended illness.

He was born on Oct. 10, 1942, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the son of the late Charles and Louise Schmidt

Charlie was a graduate of Phillips Academy in An-

dover, Massachusetts. He received undergradand uate graduate degrees from Princeton University and HEINZ



Syracuse University, respectively. Upon graduation from The Maxwell School of Syracuse University, he worked for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In the late 1970s, as the founder of Vacation Properties, Charlie was instrumental in the development and construction of North Shore and The Pines, as well as many single family homes in the north end of Chautauqua Institution. In 1993, he became Chautauqua Institution's first Vice President for Administrative and Community Services.

His volunteer associations include the Chautauqua Fire Department and Rescue Squad, where he served for 40 years, the Jamestown Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Jamestown Automobile Club Board. He was also a volunteer tax preparer for The United Way.

Charlie was a lifelong Pittsburgh Steelers season ticket holder and attended every home game for 51 years, even after moving to Chautauqua in the '70s. He loved boating on Chautauqua Lake and walking with his dog, Pogo.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Wendy, whom he married in 1964; his daughter, Sandra Heinz Hamilton (Rand) of Reston, Virginia, and son, Charles Edward "Ted" Heinz (Mia) of Stockholm, Sweden; grandchildren, Chase, Kate and Sofia; his sister, Lisa Heinz of New York City; and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date, when we are able to gather again.



#### **MILESTONES**

IN MEMORIAM

Memorial contributions may be made to Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua Hospice & Palliative Care, the Chautauqua Fire Department, and the Alzheimer's Association.

To leave a condolence or share a memory, please visit lindfuneralhome.com.

#### John Khosh

Hakuna Matata! That was a favorite phrase and way of life for John G.H. Khosh, M.D., who passed away peacefully in St. Petersburg, Florida. on Feb. 10, 2020, at the age of 91. John was the beloved husband of Mary Nell and loving father of Sheila (Columbus, Ohio), Deanna (Dallas, Texas), Lisa (Cleveland, Ohio), and Lora (Denver, Colorado), and the proud grandfather of 10 grandchildren who called him "Pop" specifically Daniel, Benjamin, Natalie, Caroline, Claudia, Will, Nathan. Jonathan. Charlotte and Henry. He is also survived by his sisters Mahine, Pari, Shahine, Simin and Taji. Among many surviving nieces and nephews, John shared a special bond with his oldest nephew, Moshen, whom he considered a younger brother.

John took an extraordinary path through life, and along the way maintained an inspirational attitude about pursuing dreams and facing hardship. Born April 21, 1929, as Gholam Hossein Khoshnevisan in Mashhad, Iran, John was the youngest boy among 10 children. As a child, he was an avid soccer player and earned the title of captain in college. He also loved the violin, which he taught himself to play. John persevered in medical school to graduate valedictorian despite having textbooks only written in French and Latin. After graduation, without knowing how to speak English or having family in the states, he bravely traveled to America to attend the University of Pennsylvania to complete post-graduate work. During residency at St. Thomas Hospital in Akron, Ohio, he met his future wife, Mary Sivert, who worked as a pharmacy intern. Instantly smitten, he wrote a prescription for "a cup of coffee," and they married shortly thereafter. Their 60th anniversary will be Sept. 1, 2021 and they renewed wedding vows in the chapel at Westminster Shores 10 years ago on Valentine's Day.

Once married, they moved to Canada where two daughters were born (Sheila, Deanna) and then onto Berea, Ohio, where two more daughters were born (Lisa, Lora).

For over 30 years combined, John practiced obstetrics and gynecology at Fairview General Hospital then Southwest General Hospital where he became Chief of ObGyn. Throughout Southwest Cleveland, John was frequently stopped by patients who thanked him profusely and wanted to shake his hand; one patient even named her baby after him. He was much beloved for showing compassion to patients in financial distress, who he allowed to barter! John never complained about his work schedule. He just grabbed pre-tied ties from the bedroom closet to leave in the middle of the night and took power naps during the day. One night during a storm and power outage, he even performed a

delivery by flashlight. John was a pioneer in preventive women's health. As a charter member of the Holistic Health movement. he routinely tested blood cholesterol, enrolled patients in smoking cessation programs (taking and placing cigarettes into a giant fish tank), and taught early warning signs for cancer long before these practices became mainstream. Also earlier than most, John recognized the importance of a daily fitness regimen. Throughout his life, he made sure to exercise every day and invented a dance to help his friends and family do so. He would remind everyone, "The body can heal itself, but it must move to remain healthy," and hum, "You've got to move it move it" from the movie "Madagascar."

Upon retirement in 1993, John joined the Academy of Senior Professionals at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he started the popular Medical Issues Group. He also founded the Science Circle at Chautauqua Institution, New York, which continues inviting renowned guest speakers to share important scientific breakthroughs. Science was John's true passion, and he was often teased about the esoteric journals he left lying around the house, such as Microbiology Today and Biochemistry Now. Nevertheless, John's passion for science is now an enduring legacy for many grandchildren who work in various scientific fields.

John's pastimes with his grandchildren were playing strategy games. Chess was his overall favorite, and he even played chess with friends online. Learning backgammon in Iran as a child, he often "schlemmed" everyone. He also loved the Persian card game 11. At ping pong, his strategy was to repeatedly place the ball in opposite, alternating corners. For decades, John played tennis, racquetball, golf, pickleball. He also enjoyed annual ski trips to Boyne Mountain with family and friends.

John was filled with wonder for nature. He traveled the world, visiting all seven continents and never missed a chance to get up close to animals. Deliberately bitten by exotic ants in Costa Rica, he shouted, "Wow! That hurt a lot more than I thought," grateful for the experience. On other trips, he enjoyed swimming alongside manatees and playing with penguins, but his curiosity was met with warnings about getting too close. Sometimes, he ignored those warnings altogether, as when he capsized a canoe in Michigan immediately after being told not to stand up. Last summer, at the age of 91 when he was warned not to dive headfirst into the deep end of a swimming pool, he asked, "Why not?" Since he regaled many with fancy dives as a young adult, why not at age 91? Off he went. His dive was perfect.

John regarded nothing as too complex to understand; he knew it just required perseverance and creativity. His forthcoming book, From Womb to Tomb to Catacomb, is about the bioelectromagnetic forces impacting overall health. Following decades of independent research, John explains how our bodies are affected by our environment at the molecular level, and how medicine fails to recognize this significant force in health. He explains how communication layers within the human body resemble an onion, and he assigns biological symbols to external stimuli in loops and waves. He often began discussions about the book saying, "All emotions are chemically translated and physically expressed" and loved reminding people that every "human animal" is made up of 30 trillion cells. "Isn't that fascinating?!" he would ask with genuine delight. John was the ultimate science teacher, passionate, patient, and painstaking in his explanations. Time stood still while he explained scientific complexities until the listener understood.

John's love for fun was just as pronounced as his dedication to science. He was extremely social, and loved being with friends and attending parties. He was also a jokester and the consummate entertainer. There was always a twinkle in his eye when he engaged an audience, and you never knew what to expect. He loved to make people laugh. He invented an exercise pro-

gram called "Jiggly Wiggly' for seniors and led groups through his hilarious routine. He created a tripod to represent "The Human Unit" using the head of a doll to explain external influences on health which elicited giggles. If you left important items on the counter, like a wallet or watch, John would hide them to teach you a lesson. If you walked underneath his porch, he would throw a glass of water and run away. He jokingly introduced his daughters as his "mother" to friends in his community. And he often said to others when departing, "Keep smiling" or, "Don't let the rains come down."

John was comical while practicing resourcefulness, too. Many engineering problems were solved with duct tape, bungee cords and zipties. Even when contraptions failed, he was undeterred and enjoyed fantastical mishaps like suitcases flying off the top of the car, or bicycles falling apart in motion. Occasionally, his quick fixes worked extremely well, which made all his failures worthwhile in addition to the laughter they provided.

As we share loving memories about John, we should recognize that he was a feminist from the heart. After raising four daughters and having female patients, he believed strongly that women would make better world leaders and cited this poem frequently:

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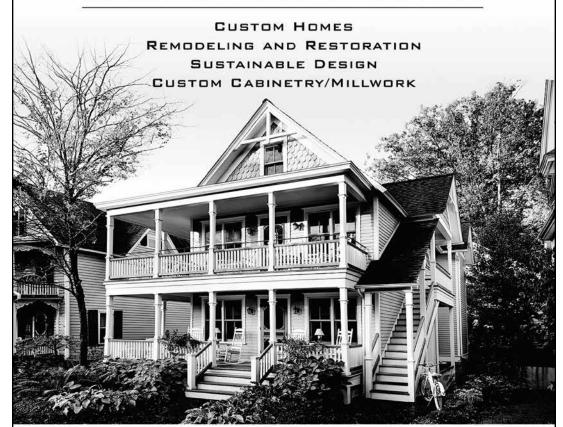
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family and participating in all that Chautauqua has to offer. The now six-generation family continues to enjoy Chautauqua whenever they can.

Alison is a fourth-generation Chautauquan, and she and Craig are both dedicated participants in Sunday morning worship services and the 9 a.m. devotionals held weekdays in the Amphitheater. Alison sings in the Chautauqua Choir, is a graduate of the Chautauqua

years, spending time with Literary and Scientific Circle Guild of the Seven Seals. serves as a volunteer for the Promise Campaign and is a member of the Smith Memorial Library board. Craig recently retired from his position as Managing Director of Markit Group Limited. The Marthinsens, both born in the United States, currently live in Toronto. They have three sons and three grandchildren, and they have been Chautauqua property owners since 1998.

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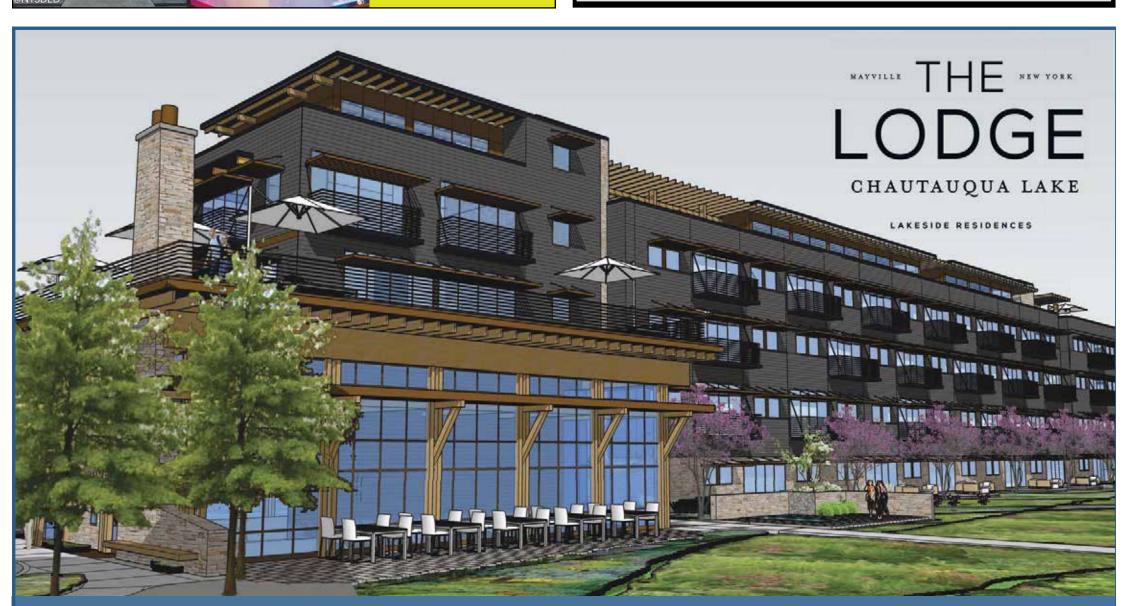
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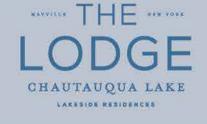




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> Season's Greetings @ CWC (Tent) **CWC Member Only Event** Wednesday, July 7th 4:30-6pm

Chiavetta's BBQ and Portage Pie Sale (Takeout Only)

Friday July 9th and July 16th 4:30-6pm (Pre-order on CWC Website) Flea Boutique (Behind the Colonnade)

Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays: 12-2pm \*\*Special Sale: Saturday, July 10th 10am-3pm (CWC Tent) **Artists at the Market (CHQ Farmer's Market)** 

Wednesdays & Thursdays: 1-4pm, Sundays: 12-4pm

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www.chautauquawomensclub.org



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**JUNE 26** 

- Melvin Johnson Sculpture Garden opens. Through Aug. 25.
- **Chabad Jewish House** Community Shabbat Service. Rabbi Zalman Vilenkin. Kiddush to follow at 12:15 p.m. Zigdon Chabad Jewish House
- 10:00 (10-7) Vaccination Verification Station Hours. For admittance to Amphitheater and Performance Pavilion on Pratt vaccinated Seating, Bring gate pass, photo ID and vaccination card or photo of vaccination card. Bestor Plaza
- Catholic Mass. Hurlbut Church

8:15 SPECIAL. Chris Thile. (Reserved seating; purchase or reserve seats at tickets.chq.org, or by visiting Ticket Office.) Amphitheater

9:45 Chautaugua Cinema Under the Stars. "Gravity." Weather permitting. Athenaeum lawn

**JUNE 27** 

- "Counterbalance" opens. Through July 25. Strohl Art Center Main Gallery
- "Co-Existence: Works by Cecile Chong, Jennifer Ling Datchuk, QiuChen Fan, and Cathy Lu" opens. Through July 21. Strohl Art

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- "Materials Redefined" opens. Through Aug. 25. Fowler-Kellogg Art Center
- 7:45 Episcopal Holy Eucharist. Episcopal Chapel of the Good
- Songs, Prayers, Communion & Meditation. Hurlbut Church **United Church of Christ Worship**
- Service, UCC Randell Chapel 9:00 Episcopal Holy Eucharist. Episcopal Chapel of the Good
- 9:30 Services in Denominational

Shepherd

- **Unitarian Universalist Service.** Smith Wilkes Hall
- **Religious Society of Friends** (Quakers) Service. Quaker House 28 Ames
- **Christian Science Service.** Christian Science Chapel
- Unity Service. Hurlbut Church, Livestream (unitychq.org)
- Station Hours. For admittance to Amphitheater and Performance Pavilion on Pratt vaccinated Seating. Bring gate pass, photo ID and vaccination card or photo of vaccination card. Bestor Plaza

10:00 (10-7) Vaccination Verification

- 10:15 Sunday School. Ages 3-11. Children's School
- 10:45 OPENING THREE TAPS OF THE GAVEL. "Let Us Take a More Joyous Strain." Michael E. Hill, president. Chautaugua Institution SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND

SERMON. The Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson, vice president of religi and senior pastor, Chautauqua Institution. Amphitheater

- 11:00 Play CHQ. (Programmed by Youth and Family Programs.) Jumbo games. All ages. Bestor Plaza
- 11:30 (11:30 until sold out) Chicken BBQ. (Programmed by the Chautauqua Volunteer Fire Department.) Fee. Fire Hall

- 12:00 Catholic Mass. Hurlbut Church
- 12:00 (12-4) Artists at the Market. (Programmed by Chautauqua Women's Club.) Farmers Market
- 12:00 (12-2) Flea Boutique. (Programmed by the Chautauqua Women's Club.) Behind Colonnade
- 12:30 Twelve Step Meeting. Hurlbut **Church Marion Lawrance Room**
- 1:00 CLSC Young Readers Program. The Great Wall of Lucy Wu, by Wendy Wan-Long Shang. Hultquist Porch
- Porch Chat. (Programmed by the African American Heritage House.) Athenaeum Hotel Porch
- 1:00 (1-5) Gallery Exhibitions Open. Fowler-Kellogg Art Center and Strohl Art Center
- (2-3:30) Jewish Film Series (Sponsored by the Everett Jewish Life Center) "Shoelaces," Streaming through Friday, July 2. CHQ Assembly (assembly.chg.org)
- 2:30 CONCERT. "Safety Last!" A Massey Organ Movie. Copresented with Chautaugua Cinema. Amphitheater
- Reading. Robert Miltner, poetry; Sonja Livingston, prose. CHQ Assembly Virtual Porch (porch.chq.

3:30 LITERARY ARTS. Writers' Center

- (4-5:30) New Visitor Information Session. Hultquist Center
- 5:00 **Open Mic.** (Programmed by the Friends of the Chautauqua Writers' Center.) Visit www.chq.org/fcwc for more information, 700m
- **LGBTQ** and Friends Meet and Greet. Left front porch, Athenaeum Hotel
- Palestine Park Tour. "A Journey Through the Holy Land in the Times of Jesus." Palestine
- 8:00 CHAUTAUQUA VESPERS. Amphitheater
- 9:30 Service of Compline. Episcopal Chapel of the Good Shepherd



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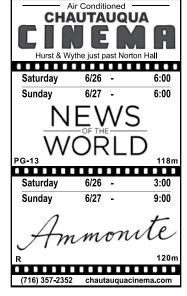
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