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Juggling, Music, and Magic Swing into Enterprise July 27th

The New Old Time Chautauqua
Central and Eastern Oregon Tour 2017
Press Release

Dates: Sunday July 27th – Friday July 28th, 2017

Location: Enterprise, Oregon

The New Old Time Chautauqua, a nonprofit arts organization, is returning to Enterprise July 27th, offering a live vaudeville show featuring circus arts, music, and magic, free workshops in everything from juggling to singing in rounds, a celebratory parade through town, and more!

The New Old Time Chautauqua tours every summer, bringing live performances, community events, and arts education to small towns across America. This group of volunteer educators and performers are committed to keeping the great American legacy of the circuit Chautauquas alive.

Event Schedule

Thursday July 27th

- **Community Potluck!** Join Chautauqua for a community potluck at the Wallowa County Courthouse Gazebo. Everyone in town is invited! Bring food, instruments, the kids, and a good joke to tell!

Friday, July 28th

- **Parade!** Kick off Friday's events with a celebratory **parade** at 12:00 pm. Led by a 20-piece marching band, jugglers, stilt-walkers, and hula hoopers, the parade will start at the Enterprise High School parking lot and end at Wallowa County Courthouse. Members of the community are welcome to join the parade. Wear a costume or come as you are!
- **Workshops!** Free workshops will take place from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at the gazebo at the Wallowa County Courthouse and at the Enterprise Library across the street. Workshops are open to all ages and skill levels; participants can attend for all or part. Workshops take place at the Wallowa County Courthouse unless otherwise specified.

Session One - 12:30-1:30 pm

Juggling, Magic, Partner Acro, Marimba, Earth Geography, and Ayurvedic Medicine (an ancient Indian practice)*.

Session Two - 1:30-2:30 pm

Juggling, Puzzle Making, Singing in Rounds, Feather Crafting, Qi Gong (a gentle form of Chinese exercise), and Clowning in Difficult Situations*.

*Workshops held at the Enterprise Library.

- **The Big Show!** A knock-ye-socks off vaudeville extravaganza takes place at the OK Theatre (208 W. Main Street) for one night only at 7 pm on **Friday, July 28th**.

This one of a kind vaudeville extravaganza features locally and internationally-acclaimed talent. **The Flying Karamazov Brothers** will wow you with their hilarious juggling and theatrics; magician **Joey Pipia**'s marvel-packed illusions will leave you astonished; hula hooper extraordinaire **Vanessa Vortex** astounds with coordination and grace; and the **Pipia Sisters** delight with whimsical songs on dueling tubas.

Acrobatics and dancing, hat tricks and mime, stilt-walkers and musicians and more - all backed up by the rousing live music and zany wisecracks by the Fighting Instruments of Karma Marching Chamber Band/Orchestra, playing music ranging from marches and sambas to New Orleans Jazz.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children under 12, and are available at the Bookloft, (107 E Main Street) or at the door. Chautauqua last performed in Enterprise in 2012 was sold out, so get your tickets early. Proceeds benefit the Wallowa Valley Music Alliance.

Community Outreach

Chautauqua is dedicated to bringing entertainment and inspiration to all communities and will offer a number of outreach performance during their stay in Enterprise including performances at the Alpine House Assisted Living Facility and Building Healthy Families among others.

What is a Chautauqua?

Chautauqua was a cultural and social movement that started in the 1870s and flourished until the mid-1920s. Hundreds of touring Circuit Chautauquas presented lectures, dance, music, drama, and other forms of cultural enrichment. This popular form of live entertainment faded during the economic challenges of the Great Depression as radio broadcasts and motion pictures became mainstream.

The New Old Time Chautauqua was founded in 1981 by the Flying Karamazov Brothers, Patch Adams, and Faith Petric. Inspired by the traveling Chautauquas of the early 20th century, Chautauqua aims to be a catalyst for strengthening communities and elevating lives through laughter, inspiration, and learning. For the past 36 years, the dedicated group of performers and educators have volunteered their summer months to bring high quality live entertainment and arts education to communities throughout the United States; visiting rural communities, Native American reservations, schools, prisons, youth correctional facilities, assisted living facilities, and hospitals.

The organization has brought joy and entertainment to communities throughout California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, South Dakota, Alaska and British Columbia, and post-Katrina New Orleans.

For more information, please contact one of the individuals below. If you are a member of the press who would like to interview a Chautauquan, please contact Sophie or Fiona. You will find high-resolution photos for the purpose of promoting Chautauqua here: <http://chautauqua.org/press.html>

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