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## **Juggling, Music, and Magic Swing into Madras July 16-21**

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

**Dates:** Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

**Location:** Jefferson County, Oregon

A full week of **FREE** performances and arts education is coming to Jefferson County this summer. The New Old Time Chautauqua, a nonprofit arts organization, is offering workshops in everything from juggling to singing in rounds, a live vaudeville show featuring circus arts, music, and magic, a celebratory parade through town, and more! Every event in the area will be free of charge, courtesy of generous grants from The Jefferson County Cultural Coalition and The Bean Foundation, and in partnership with the Jefferson County Library.

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, performers, and supporters are committed to keeping the great American legacy of the circuit Chautauquas alive.

### **Event Schedule**

#### **Sunday July 16th**

- **Parade!** Chautauqua kicks off the week with a celebratory **parade** at 1:00 pm on July 16. Led by a 20-piece marching band, jugglers, stilt-walkers, and hula hoopers, the parade will start at Madras Elementary (215 SE 10th Street). 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 1:30 to 4:30 pm at the Jefferson County Library, (241 SE 7th Street). Workshops are open to all ages and skill levels; participants can attend for all or part.

#### **Session One - 1:30-2:30 pm**

Juggling, Ukulele, Violin, Mime, Earth Geography.

#### **Session Two - 2:30-3:30 pm**

Juggling, Hula Hoop, Puzzle Making, Singing in Rounds, Ayurvedic Medicine (an ancient Indian practice)

#### **Session Three - 3:30-4:30 pm**

Magic, Marimba, Feather Crafting, Song Swap, Qi Gong (a gentle form of Chinese exercise).

- **Community Potluck!** The day wraps up with a community potluck at the Jefferson County Library (241 SE 7th Street). Everyone in town is invited! Bring food, instruments, the kids, and a good joke to tell!

## Thursday, July 20th

- **The Big Show!** A knock-ye-socks off vaudeville extravaganza will take place at the Madras Performing Arts Center at 7:00 pm on **Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**. This free event offers an evening of entertainment and delight for the whole family - juggling, acrobatics, dancing, magic, mime, live music, and more - and will feature locally and internationally-acclaimed talent.

**The Flying Karamazov Brothers** will wow you with their hilarious juggling and cheap theatrics; magician **Joey Pipia**'s marvel-packed illusions will leave you astonished; hula hooper extraordinaire **Vanessa Vortex** will impress you with her coordination and grace; and Madras' own **Sophie Pipia** (Buff Elementary's music teacher) will be joined by her sister **Phina Pipia**, to delight you with their whimsical songs on dueling tubas.

Throughout the show, enjoy 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.

## Community Outreach

During Chautauqua's weeklong residency in Madras, the organization will offer free programming at a number of community organizations and institutions, including performances, appearances and workshops at the following locations: Oregon Child Development Coalition, Deer Ridge Correctional Institution, Jefferson County Library's summer reading programs in Madras, Culver, Warm Springs, and Crooked River Ranch.

## 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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