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TITLE

Make Your Summer a Historical Event at "Chautauqua 2007: Food for Thought"

INTEREST-CAPTURING LEAD

This July, take a seat with the Maryland Humanities Council and some of the greatest luminaries in food history under the tent at "Chautauqua 2007: Food for Thought." Join whistle-blowing scribe Upton Sinclair, activist Cesar Chavez, innovator and culinary adventurer George Washington Carver, and the ultimate foodie Francophile, Julia Child, for a showcase of performances guaranteed to stimulate both mind and stomach.

BACKGROUND/ EVENT DISCRIPTION AND INFORMATION

Now in its 13th year, MHC's Chautauqua is an anticipated summer tradition that brings audiences face to face with famous historical figures whose spirited performances remind us that what's old really is what's new.

Now is your chance to ask Upton Sinclair not only what prompted him to pen *The Jungle*, his classic criticism of the meat-packing industry, but also his take on free-range farming. Or, learn what position George Washington Carver might volunteer on genetically-engineered crops. Would Julia Child offer her classic cooking show in high-def should it be produced today? What might Cesar Chavez say about the current immigration debate?

SOURCE QUOTATION

"The word that consistently surfaces regarding our Chautauqua event is 'magical,'" says MHC Executive Director Peggy Burke. "Participants comment that the tented environment and performances make this event unlike any other they've attended."

DATE/TIME/ LOCATION

MHC's free Chautauqua tent show takes place from July 5 - 16, 2007, beginning at 7 PM for four nights under a big top tent at Garrett Community College, McHenry (July 5-8); Chesapeake College, Wye Mills (July 9-12); The College of Southern Maryland, La Plata (July 9-12); Montgomery College-Germantown (July 10-13); The Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville (July 12-15); and Cecil Community College, North East (July 13-16).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All Chautauqua programs are free and open to the public. Sites are handicapped accessible. If sign language interpretation is needed, call 410-685-4185 by June 21.

SPONSORS

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CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PROGRAM

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