

# Chatauqua Programs on Living History

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High Plains Chatauqua announces an exciting line-up for "The American Spirit: An Endless Quest," Chatauqua's 10th annual living history festival August 4-8 in Greeley.

Presenters will portray Theodore Roosevelt (Aug. 4), Georgia O'Keeffe and Albert Einstein (Aug. 5), Ernest Hemingway and General Douglas MacArthur (Aug. 6), Branch Rickey and César Chávez (Aug. 7), Eleanor Roosevelt, and Martin Luther King, Jr. (Aug. 8) under the Chatauqua tent on the Aims Community College campus each evening.

This year's festival is the culmination of a three-year series focusing on the American identity, from colonial times through the 20th century. High Plains Chatauqua's unique blend of theatre, history and the humanities will feature portrayals of Americans who embody the spirit of 20th century America. This was a time when the United States achieved international prominence in science, commerce, politics, and the arts, and a period

marked by our on-going struggle to fulfill ideals embodied in the Declaration of Independence.

Each evening's performances will begin with different musical entertainment, ranging from Matt Pack and Heart Strings to the Kream of the Krop swing band and ragtime dance by Watch Your Step.

Daytime lectures, workshops, dramatizations and children's activities with Kids' Chatauqua, and performances by Young Chatauquans take place at Aims, in downtown Greeley, and at other venues throughout the area during this five-day period. All events are free.

High Plains Chatauqua is a program of the Colorado Humanities and recreates the early 20th century traveling tent Chatauqua that brought education and entertainment to communities in the form of lectures, concerts and plays. Greeley's first tent Chatauqua took place in 1907.

For more information see [www.coloradohumanities.org](http://www.coloradohumanities.org) or call the Greeley Convention and Visitors Bureau at 970-352-3567. ■