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High Plains Chautauqua Presents 20th Century Characters

Greeley, Colo. --- High Plains Chautauqua (HPC) announces an exciting line-up for “The American Spirit: An Endless Quest,” its 10th annual living history festival August 4-8, 2009. 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 Chautauqua tent on 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 Chautauqua'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 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’ Chautauqua, and performances by Young Chautauquans 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 Chautauqua is a program of Colorado Humanities.

For more information visit www.coloradohumanities.org or call the Greeley Convention and Visitors Bureau at 970-352-3567.

