



NEBRASKA HUMANITIES COUNCIL

215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 330
Lincoln, NE 68508
Phone: (402) 474-2131 Fax: (402) 474-4852
E-mail: nhc@nebraskahumanities.org
Website: www.nebraskahumanities.org

N E W S R E L E A S E

For release: June 20, 2008

Contact: Jane Renner Hood, (402) 474-2131, ext. 107

NHC seeks communities to host 2009 or 2010 Chautauqua

The Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC) invites community applicants to host Chautauqua in the summer of 2009 or 2010.

As in this summer's touring Chautauqua, "Bright Dreams, Hard Times: America in the Thirties," scholars will portray President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Louisiana governor and U.S. Sen. Huey Long, Harlem Renaissance writer Zora Neale Hurston, evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson, and humorist Will Rogers, five historical characters who helped shape America's response to the Great Depression.

Thousands of Kansans were entertained and intellectually engaged as the Chautauqua toured Beloit and Lawrence, Kan. It will travel to Falls City for a visit June 25-29 and to Hastings from July 2-6.

Audiences will have an opportunity to examine four themes that were important then and have particular relevance for us today: The changing relationship between Americans and their national government, the flowering of artistic and intellectual activity, the role of religion in public life, and the democratization of American culture through radio and sound movies.

A host community must be able to provide a steering committee and sub-committees to assist project coordinators; a grassy, well-protected site for the tent; and electricity and sufficient power near the tent.

If your community is interested in hosting the 2009 or 2010 Chautauqua, contact NHC Program Officer Beth McQueen at (402) 474-2131 ext. 108 or at beth@nebraskahumanities.org for an application. Applications are due Oct. 1.

###