Grey Roots is Proud to Host a Day of the Owen Sound Chautauquas, Saturday March 31, 2007

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Chautauquas, in Canada at least, was the classic model of community-involved performing arts outreach. From 1917 until the Great Depression these travelling festivals, based in Calgary, brought professional cultural life to Canadian communities large and small. As one woman recalled from her Ontario childhood, the Chautauqua *"was like a light coming into your life."*

During the summer in their heyday they performed in tents, as six-day, five-day and four-day events, during the rest of the year on a smaller scale indoors as Chautauqua Festivals. In Grey Bruce in 1930, for example, Owen Sound, Chesley and Walkerton appear on the Chautauqua map as "5-Day Towns."

Chautauquas (Storytelling Concert) Schedule of Events:

Tuesday, March 27th, Community Storytelling, 7:00 pm at the Farmers' Market
Wednesday, March 28th, Community Storytelling, 7:00 pm at the Mudtown Studio
Thursday, March 29th, Community Storytelling, 7:00 pm at First United Church
Friday, March 30th, Community Storytelling, 7:00 pm at Harrison Park C.C.

Saturday March 31st at Grey Roots:

10:30 am & 2:30 pm **Jewish Storytelling**
Admission is free to members, regular admission rates apply

7:30 pm **Gala Storytelling Concert**
Voyageur Storytelling is collecting $18.00 per person, refreshments provided.

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