



SAVE THE DATE: BUFFALO DAY

Aug. 25, 2026

FREE All-Day/Evening Gate Pass with access to all Chautauqua mainstage programs, including special presentations.

Buffalo Day Opening Ceremony

10:15 a.m. • Smith Memorial Library Front Porch

Chautauqua Institution's First Ever Naturalization (Oath of Allegiance) Ceremony

1 p.m. • Amphitheater

"Buffalo: 2nd Best City for Presidential Stories" with Spencer Morgan and Rachelle Moyer Francis

3:15 p.m. • Hall of Christ

"Roosevelt Rumble: FDR vs. TR!" with Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz and Lindsay Lauren Visser

4:20 p.m. • Hall of Christ

Masters Series Culinary Masterclass: Buffalo Native Chef Darian Bryan

3:30 p.m. • Norton Hall

Not included with your free Buffalo Day ticket. An additional fee is required for this event.

Patrons from the Buffalo region are admitted free to Chautauqua 7 a.m.–11:59 p.m. Order tickets by calling Chautauqua Institution Ticket Office at 716-357-6250. Order in advance by Aug. 25, 2026, to receive free parking for the day.

Please bring proof of residency (ZIP codes 14201–14280) for entry. Youth 12 and under are always free at Chautauqua!

This offer may not be combined with a long-term ticket.

Mainstage Programs at Chautauqua on Buffalo Day include:

- Morning Worship:
Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J., founder of Homeboy Industries
- Morning Lecture:
Lara Downes, visionary American pianist and cultural scholar and John McWhorter, acclaimed linguist
- Evening Program:
Get Happy with Lara Downes and Kurt Elling

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For program information, visit:

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