

# WRITERS WORKSHOP AT CHAUTAUQUA

Celebrating Our  
25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

July 11–18, 2009  
Chautauqua, New York

Jump-start or advance your career as a children's writer this summer.

- Learn from acclaimed authors.
- Network with editors.
- Make lasting friendships.
- Find your inspiration.

## A Message from Patricia Lee Gauch

"Chautauqua is fertile ground. Always has been. I have gravitated to this place, as have my colleagues. And we



*Philomel vice president and editor at large Patti Gauch works with writers at Chautauqua.*

know that something happens here each year. Something almost outside of who we are. And yet integral. I have worked with a lot of folks over these years. And to tell you the truth, they are about as different as people can be—different sizes, different shapes, different voices—but I realized only lately that they share one thing: they share a passion for what they are writing. Passion: you know, that heart-beating feeling for an idea, or a character, or some aspect of what will become story."

## WORK WITH AN OUTSTANDING FACULTY

Spend a Week with Acclaimed Editors, Authors, Illustrators, and Publishers



### ACCESSIBLE EDITORS

*Chronicle Books editor-at-large Susan Pearson chats about a manuscript. The editors on our faculty understand publishing and the fear of rejection. They come to Chautauqua to teach, to mentor, and to nurture writers.*



### AWARD-WINNING AUTHORS

*Newbery-winning author Jerry Spinelli shares his expertise. Get to know acclaimed authors chosen for their ability to help other writers reach their publishing goals.*



### MANUSCRIPT MENTOR

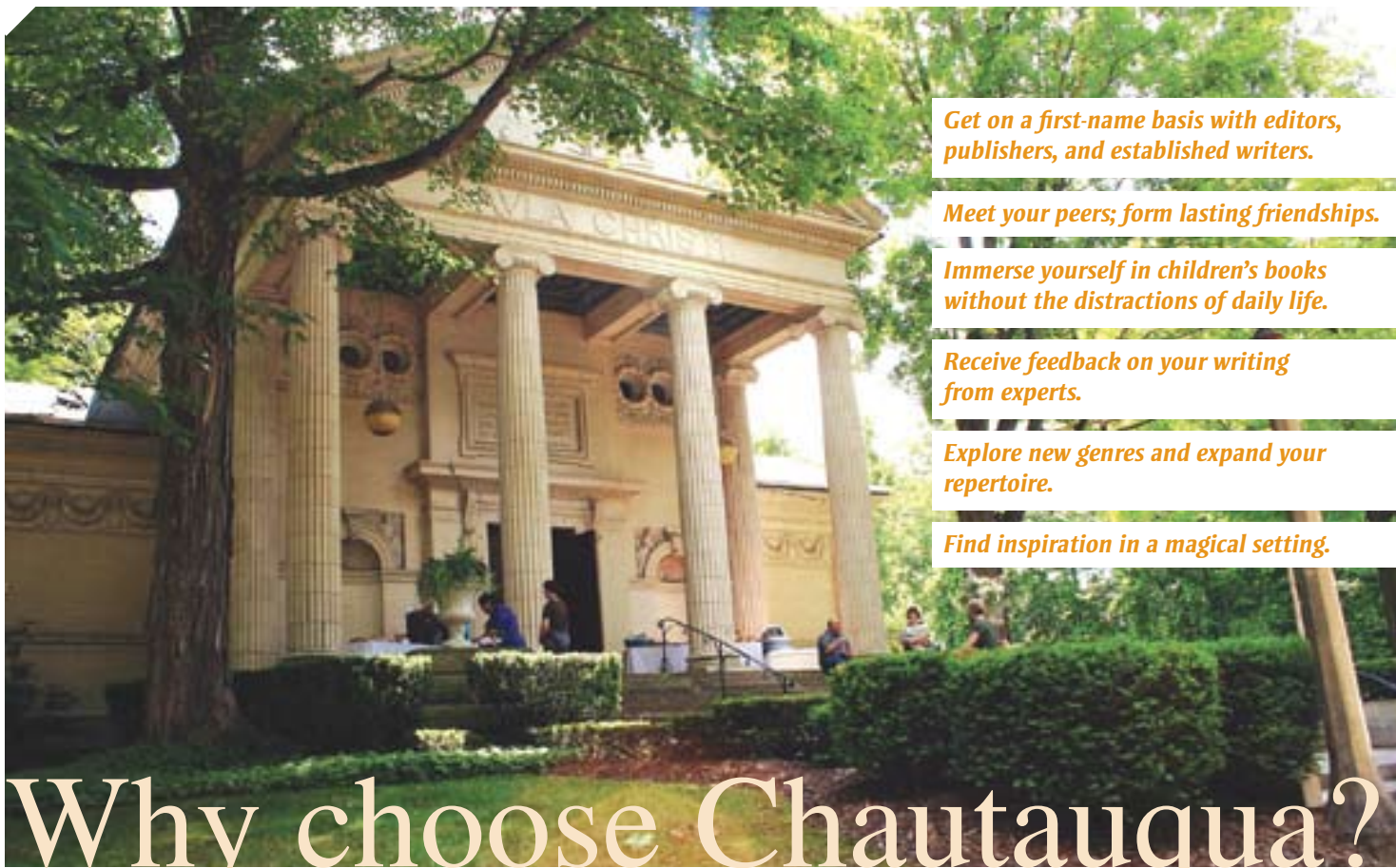
*Best-selling author Bruce Coville provides insights during a critique. Work one-on-one with a pro to perfect your manuscript.*

### JUST FOR ILLUSTRATORS!

Have your portfolio critiqued by a professional children's book illustrator.

**EARLY-BIRD DISCOUNT**  
REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 27 • SAVE \$415

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Get on a first-name basis with editors, publishers, and established writers.

Meet your peers; form lasting friendships.

Immerse yourself in children's books without the distractions of daily life.

Receive feedback on your writing from experts.

Explore new genres and expand your repertoire.

Find inspiration in a magical setting.

# Why choose Chautauqua?

Choose among the 45 workshops offered, including

## THE CORE

- Point of View
- Characterization
- The Puzzle of Plot
- A Sense of Place
- There and Back Again—The Journey of Plot
- The Inside and Outside of Characters
- Writing Dialogue
- Beginnings and Endings
- Conflict/Tension
- Theme

## THE PUBLISHING BUSINESS

- How to Promote Your Book
- Rights, Contracts, and Copyrights
- Step by Step: The Editorial Process from Submission to Publication
- Understanding Genres
- How to Get Published
- How to Be a Successful Freelancer
- Getting Out of the Slush Pile

## EXPLORING GENRES

- Writing Novels for and about Adolescents
- How to Write a Nonfiction Children's Book
- Think Pictures
- Exploring the Children's Magazine Market
- Historical Fiction
- Fantasy
- Crafts, Puzzles, and Games
- Writing about Nature, Science, and the Environment
- Writing for Beginning Readers
- Why Magazine Writing?
- Writing Biography
- Poetry
- Writing Humor
- Writing Globally

## ADVANCED TECHNIQUES

- Mining Your Memories
- Finding Ideas
- From Research to the Printed Page
- Interviewing
- Editing Your Own Writing
- Crank Up the Creativity
- Tapping Kids' Interests
- The Illustrator's Perspective
- Understanding Genres
- Thinking Like Your Editor

*People who write for children are different. They're curious. They're creative. Unlike most adults, children's writers manage to hang on to a childlike sense of wonder.*



Register now to  
reserve your space at  
the current fee!



## WRITERS WORKSHOP AT CHAUTAUQUA REGISTRATION

**LIMITED  
TO 100  
WRITERS**

*Register early.  
Spaces fill quickly.*

### REGISTRATION FEE

The current fee for the 2009 Writers Workshop at Chautauqua is \$2,400 (or \$1,985 for first-time attendees registering before February 27, 2009). In addition to the comprehensive workshop and related activities, this price includes all meals, conference supplies, and your gate pass, providing you full access to the grounds of the Chautauqua Institution. This fee does not include accommodations (see below).

### HOUSING & TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

A variety of housing is available. Accommodations are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

To arrange your housing and for answers to your transportation questions, please contact Jo Lloyd, program assistant, at (877) 512-8365 (toll free) or at [jalloyd@highlightsfoundation.org](mailto:jalloyd@highlightsfoundation.org).

**Register by  
February 27  
and save \$415**

**Easy as 1-2-3**

1. Call (877) 512-8365
2. Fax (570) 253-0179
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**YES** Reserve my place in the 2009 Writers Workshop at Chautauqua.

- I wish to make full payment of \$2,400 (or \$1,985 for first-time attendees registering before February 27, 2009).
- I enclose \$500 deposit. (I understand that the balance is due June 1, 2009.)

### SCHOLARSHIPS

The Highlights Foundation offers financial support for writers based on talent, commitment, and need.

Request application by e-mail:  
[contact@highlightsfoundation.org](mailto:contact@highlightsfoundation.org)  
or phone (570) 251-4557.

### METHOD OF PAYMENT

- Check payable to Highlights Foundation
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