

THE SILVER LAKE EXPERIENCE



A snapshot of Wyoming County,
New York's biennial "Chautauqua"
on the grounds of the Silver Lake
Institute and Asbury Retreat Center

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OUR HISTORY

Beginning in 2013, we dreamed of and planned one event which would offer 3-4 days of activities designed to bring cultural, educational, spiritual and recreational opportunities to the Silver Lake communities, as well as draw in people from all over the region. For our first Silver Lake Experience (SLE) in August 2015, approximately 400 individuals from 7 states and one foreign country attended! Through workshops, presentations and performances, in 2017, 2019, 2022 and 2024, our participants once again learned and enjoyed various aspects of art, music, literature, spirituality, cultural arts, social justice, cottage crafts, nature, history and much more.

SLE is a joint effort between two non-profit organizations, Asbury Retreat Center and the Silver Lake Institute, and is organized and staffed almost entirely by volunteers.





EVENING ENTERTAINMENT IN HISTORIC EPWORTH HALL

As a part of SLE, registrants can enjoy a live, evening performance with local, regional and national talent — always something for everyone!



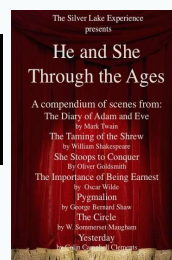
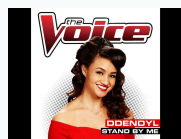
Below are sample topics which have been presented over the years at SLE.

- Cottage and historical tours
- Boat and lakeside tours
- Historic character portrayals
- Make-and-take sessions
- Birding and gardening
- Quilting and crafting
- Aging and memory
- Kayaking and golf
- Science and technology
- Religion and spirituality
- Writing and photography
- Travel and tourism
- Art and music
- History and preservation
- Literature and author talks
- Nature and conservation
- Food and cooking
- Antiques and collectibles
- Physical and mental health

...and much more!



The Jazz Example (above) and pop star Ddendyl (center) Adapted scenes in a live performance (right) - 2015



RPO Marimba Band 2022

Country star Claudia Hoyser - 2022



The Jen Chapin Trio (above) 2015 and the RPO Brass Quintet (above) 2017



Dan Saunders, Guy Macaluso, Bill Roberts, Eric Kelly & Tom Kweicien - The Soundtrack of Our Lives (above) 2017



The RPO Woodwind Quintet - 2019



Carnival Kids Steel Drum Band (right) 2024

Rebecca Gilbert & Friends (left) 2022



The Old Hippies and Ruby Shooz - 2019



Rochester Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra (above) 2024

Trio Amusen (below) 2024

