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LAKE OSWEGO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PRESENTS “MAGIC CARPET MADE OF STEEL: SONGS OF AMERICA’S RAILROADS”

LAKE OSWEGO – The Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to host an Oregon Chautauqua program featuring Jeni Foster, a lecturer and vocalist specializing in songs related to history and literature. Foster recognizes that the glory days of the great American railway system are long gone, but hundreds of folk and popular songs remain to tell the story of our once-great romance with the rails.

Trains captured the imagination of Americans for a century as a symbol of freedom, adventure and opportunity. In this highly entertaining and educational program, Foster presents vignettes from the development of our nation through the prism of railroad songs from a variety of musical genres. Included are Black and Irish work songs, country music, folk music, the blues, Dixieland jazz and songs from the Underground Railroad to the Civil Rights Movement.

Join Foster at the West End Building on September 25 at 7:00 p.m., for a fascinating journey across America! No registration required. For more information about this free program, please go to www.ci.oswego.or.us/parksrec or call 503-675-3983.

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