

To: Elders Committee and Fellow Elders

From: Jerry Joffe, representing the Counterculture History Coalition

Re: Presentations on Saving the History of the Counterculture and Related Counterculture Topics in the Magical History Tour Theater

Background: Since the OCF is the quintessential counterculture event, it seems natural that we would want to explore and promote various aspects of counterculture values and ideas. For the last couple of years, I have been involved in an organization which is trying to save the history of the counterculture.

The Counterculture History Coalition (CHC) (<https://chcoalition.org>) is an international group of academics, anthropologists, archivists, artists, media folks and back-to-the-landers who have joined forces to preserve various collections of historically important counterculture materials and to promote the continuance of community cooperation, healthier lifestyles and environmentally and politically sound ideas. Terry Baxter, the OCF Archivist, is also a member of this group, and we plan to ask OCF Management to join the CHC as the OCF Archives is an important counterculture collection.

The Idea: In a recent conversation with Sandra Bauer, we thought that we could invite a few members of the CHC to attend the 2024 Fair and to do a couple of presentations on counterculture topics in our new Magical History Tour Theater (MHT). Topics could include the OCF Archives, second and third generation back-to-the-landers, comparing European counterculture with the American movement, and many other topics associated with the counterculture. Although our theater is new, as an extension of the Still Living Room with its focus on our history, our MHT offers a good venue to start these new presentations.

The Plan: We could schedule one or two presentations/discussions on each day of the Fair. The events would be about an hour in length. It would only require covering the looping video and after the presentation was over, uncovering it. We would put an article in the *Peach Pit* about the Still Living Room's Magical History Tour Theater, the presentations and the daily schedule. Two members of the CHC have created four 6x6 panels that depict in photos and graphics various aspects of the counterculture, and we could use these to cover the fence in the MHT. I have attached photos of the panels.

The Ask: I would like the Elders Committee to vote and pass a motion to include presentations by members of the Counterculture History Coalition as part of the offerings of the Still Living Room in the Magical History Tour Theater during the 2024 Fair.



