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BEHIND THE MUSIC OF THE MUSICAL "GEORGE!"

When: Wednesday, September 16th at 12 noon

Where: Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club on Arsenal Island

Cost: The cost for lunch is \$15 CHDF members; \$16 Non-members

RSVP: Mail check, payable to CDHF c/o Donald O'Shea, 3113 2nd St., Moline, IL 61265

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Reservations in advance are required. RSVP by September 11.

Get the story behind the making of the musical, "George!", at this Lunch & Learn program presented by the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation (CDHF) on Wednesday, September 16th at 12 noon at the Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club on Arsenal Island.

The program includes a performance of a selection of numbers from the musical "George!". It takes a look at the life of Colonel George Davenport. Now, all new orchestration has been written for it by local composer Mary Kae Waytenick.

Local writers Joanne Beaumont and Ann Boaden created this musical for Augustana College's Henriette C. K. Naeseth Dinner in 1998. After its initial presentation, "George!" was often presented around the Quad Cities in the following five years.

Dr. Ann Boaden teaches courses in writing and literature at Augustana College, and publishes fiction, creative nonfiction, and occasional poetry in a variety of literary journals. Two of her one-act plays have been produced by the regional professional theatre company New Ground. With her composer colleague Joan Beaumont, Dr. Boaden has written lyrics and libretti for four musicals (*George!*, *Henriette the Queen*, *An Evening with Emmy Ewald*, and *The Grand Excursion*).

About the CDHF

The Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation (CDHF) is a nonprofit volunteer group that works to preserve Colonel George Davenport's former home and share his story with the community. The Colonel Davenport House was built in 1833-1834 and is on the North end of Arsenal Island in the Quad Cities. Colonel Davenport was the first permanent white settler in the Quad Cities and was the first house built in the area. The house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Foundation relies on volunteers to maintain and operate the house. It is open for tours from May through October on Thursday-Sunday 12-4 p.m. For more information, visit their website at www.davenporthouse.org.

MEDIA NOTE: All media must be escorted while on Arsenal Island.