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Yorktown 250 Presents “This Man’s A Spy!” Concert November 13

The Yorktown Historical Society will present Carla and Keyes’ “This Man’s A Spy!” on Wednesday, August 17th at 7pm, at the Timothy Knapp House, the oldest house in Westchester County. “This Man’s a Spy!” is a concert of songs inspired by the fateful encounter between two of the American Revolution’s most intriguing characters: American General Benedict Arnold and British Major John André.

Songwriters Carla Lynne Hall and Jim Keyes, also known as Carla and Keyes, are the local award-winning duo behind the songs. They will also perform the songs live in costume and will be available afterwards for questions, discussion and photographs. The **free** lively evening of songs is appropriate for families, children ages 6+ and history enthusiasts as well.

Inspired by Lin-Manuel Miranda’s Broadway musical *Hamilton*, *This Man’s A Spy!* offers an updated musical version of the classic Revolutionary War tale. history lesson. The lyrics tell the story of American General Benedict Arnold and British Major John André and their treasonous plot to deliver West Point to the British. The importance of the Arnold and André affair is remembered to this day. Had their plan succeeded, the British could have won the Revolutionary War.

The songs introduce other important players of the story, including Peggy Shippen, Benedict Arnold’s wife, and local Patriot militiaman, John “Jack” Peterson, a free African-American man who helped foil Major André’s escape back to the British lines. André was captured by three patriot militiamen, Isaac Van Wart, David Williams, and John Paulding in Tarrytown.

This show was originally commissioned by the Yorktown Heritage Preservation Commission / Yorktown 250, in partnership with Revolutionary Westchester 250 (rw250.org), to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.

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