

JOHN R. LUCAS: A CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

2PM-4PM

CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK

COMPTON-GOETHALS HALL

STUDIO-THEATRE 318



Dear Friends of John from College Light Opera Company and Brown University,

Here is some information about the upcoming Celebration of the life of John Lucas. (You may already have received info via e-mail or on the [Facebook](#) event page. We're sending this e-mail to continue the effort to get news of this event the widest audience possible.)

It's ironic in this media age that I should be in a hub position in organizing this event because my media savvy is almost nil. Nonetheless, hopefully between us all sharing information and reaching out in any way we can get to nearly all of John's friends, former students and colleagues will hear about our tribute in time to come or send something if they wish. At least that is my hope!

A Celebration of the life and career of John Lucas will be held on Sunday, November 15, 2:00- 4:00 P.M. at City College in New York City. The exact address of the location is Compton-Goethals Hall, Studio 318, at the corner of West 140th Street and Amsterdam Avenue. The college campus/street address is [160 Convent Avenue](#). Here's a [CCNY campus map](#) for additional guidance.

Street parking is available in and around the campus. Off-street/garage parking options: 526 West 134th Street; \$10 cash only. 673 St. Nicholas Avenue; cash/credit. Great website for additional parking options: www.nyc.bestparking.com (they also have a very useful smartphone app).

Subway: #1 to 137th Street/City College station. If you take the #2 or #3 from points south, you'll need to transfer to the #1 at 96th Street. Alternate: A, B, C or D train to 145th Street. (Great smartphone subway map app is called KickMap.)

Compton-Goethals is between 139th & 140th Streets. Enter the building through the entrance closer to 140th Street, where you will probably have to show some ID to the Security Guard. Keep walking down the hallway, and on your left will be an elevator, which you can take to the third floor.

Pre- and Post-Celebration dining options...here are four good places within two blocks: The Grange, 1635 Amsterdam; Coccola, 1600 Amsterdam; Clove Indian Restaurant 1592 Amsterdam; Grill On The Hill Sports Bar, 1624 Amsterdam.

There will be a program to begin the event. Several people will be invited to speak and there will be some songs mostly provided by former CLOC performers. We know that EVERYONE would like to share some stories and some memories of John. We assume that once the "formal" program is over there will be an open mic for extended sharing. BUT, to be sure that we all have a chance to express what John meant to us and so that a LOT of our stories do get shared, we are requesting that people write these things down and send them in to us. We will collect all your anecdotes, stories, tributes, and remembrances and print them up to be distributed as a sort of memento of the day. I'm sure they will all end up on some social media site for everyone to see and enjoy. Please do send in your thoughts and stories. Here is the drill for that:

Send your writings to Kim Kowalke at KKowalke@kwf.org before November 8; no more than 500 words please, and NO PHOTOGRAPHS to this address. He will edit, collate, order, reproduce, etc., the memorial tributes/recollections/annotations for the benefit of us all.

Many of us have photographs of John. We want to make a digital looping slide show that will play all day at the Celebration and that can be shared with all online afterwards. To send photos for that effort:

Erik Haslun from CLOC will assemble a retrospective slideshow of John's work at CLOC. Erik is happy to receive Brown photos too, but he won't have the history as he does with CLOC so please provide context, time period, etc. with those so he'll know how to integrate them into the show. **Please send photos to him at Erik Haslun 16 Walnut Drive, West Hartford, Connecticut 06107 (if originals, he will scan and return to you). Digital photos should be sent to him at ehaslun@gmail.com.**

If you have either an enormous collection of digital photos or versions that are too large to send via e-mail, just contact Erik at the address above and he will work out an alternative cloud storage or file transfer technique with you. Please note that Erik will probably only be able to use a portion of the photos submitted if we get the kind of interest that we are anticipating.

Do not be surprised if we pass the hat on the day of the Celebration asking for, perhaps, \$5 from each attendee to help cover the cost of refreshments and janitorial services.

Please continue to spread the word to all in your respective communities, Brown and CLOC. The response thus far has been enthusiastic. Please RSVP on the Facebook page linked above as that will help us be adequately prepared for the

event. Thanks for your response and your support! If you have any questions, you can reach me at woody_howard@horacemann.org.

Sincerely, Woody