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**Press Release**

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**Renaissance Concert to Honor  
Former Library Director James R. Hunt**

Wednesday, October 12, 7:00 p.m.  
Main Library Atrium

The Catacoustic Consort will perform German Renaissance music to honor former Librarian-Director James R. Hunt at the Main Library, 800 Vine Street, on Wednesday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m. The concert will feature four musicians playing viola da gamba period instruments and a vocalist. Mr. Hunt, who was Director from 1971 to 1991, oversaw many changes and the growth of the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County during his tenure, including a much-needed expansion of the Main Library in 1982, and the building, expansion or relocation of branches, including Anderson, Blue Ash, Deer Park, Elmwood Place, Forest Park, Miami Township, North Central, Oakley, St. Bernard, Sharonville, and Symmes Township. A trust fund in his honor was established after he retired to present Renaissance music.

The Catacoustic Consort seeks to build upon and strengthen the sense of cultural and artistic identity in Ohio by presenting a variety of vocal and instrumental music from Renaissance chamber music to Baroque opera, with the intent of recreating the sound of the music when it was originally performed. The music is performed on period instruments such as the viola da gamba, theorbo, organ, harpsichord, Baroque guitar, and lute. In addition to a historically informed approach to performing

music, Catacoustic is dedicated to approaching music with an understanding of the life and times of when it was originally played.