

**FILM'S DIRECTOR AND LOCAL ARCHITECT TO LEAD
POST-SCREENING Q&A ABOUT
*THE CITADEL: BIRTH OF THE LEVEQUE TOWER***

Following the 7:30pm screening of *The Citadel: Birth of the LeVeque Tower* on Wednesday, November 9, the Drexel Theatre will hold a Q&A session with the film's director, Seth Moherman, and architect Robert D. Loversidge, Jr., President and CEO of Schooley Caldwell Associates. The film tells the story of the iconic building that has defined Columbus' skyline for more than 80 years, the LeVeque Tower.

Tickets are \$8.50 (\$6.50 for students and seniors) and include admission to the film and the post-screening Q&A. Tickets can be purchased by phone at (614) 231-1050, at www.Drexel.net, or at the Drexel Theatre box office (2254 E. Main St.).

About *The Citadel: Birth of the LeVeque Tower*

The Citadel: The Birth of the LeVeque Tower is a fascinating look at the birth and evolution of Columbus' first skyscraper, the LeVeque Tower, which has long been the defining image of the city skyline. Commissioned by the American Insurance Union, the art deco skyscraper was originally called the American Insurance (AIU) Citadel. Rising 555.5 feet into the sky, the Citadel was intentionally built 6" taller than the Washington Monument, and when it opened in 1927, was the tallest building between New York and Chicago and the fifth highest building in the world. The building was hailed as 'an aerial lighthouse' because lights constructed on the top were a beacon to aviators for 75 miles. The film explores the creation of the skyscraper by local businessman and politician John J. Lentz and noted theatre architect C. Howard Crane, who designed one of America's most ornamental and visually splendid buildings which became a symbol of American progress.

The Citadel: Birth of the LeVeque Tower was produced by the Columbus Landmarks Foundation with support from an Ohio Humanities Council grant and private donations.

About director Seth Moherman

Columbus filmmaker Seth Moherman is an Ohio State University graduate who has worked in film, digital production, and editing for Brain Box Productions, Base Productions, and Creative Differences, among others. He recently completed a short film celebrating the history of WCBE FM radio. *The Citadel: Birth of the LeVeque Tower* is his first feature documentary.

About architect Robert D. Loversidge, Jr.

Architect Robert D. Loversidge, Jr., FAIA, is president and CEO of Schooley Caldwell Associates, in Columbus. He is past chair of the American Institute of Architects National Historic Resources Committee and a recent recipient of AIA Ohio's Gold Medal Award. Loversidge was principle-in-charge of the renovation, restoration, and addition project at Ohio's National Historic Landmark Statehouse. Other recent projects include restoration of Frank Lloyd Wright's Westcott House in Springfield, Ohio, and work at state capitals in Kansas, Utah, and Minnesota. The LeVeque Tower is one of Bob's favorite buildings and he is currently lead architect for the tower's new ownership group.

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CALENDAR LISTING

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For generations, the Drexel Theatre has been central Ohio's first source for independent film and the best of Hollywood and international cinema, striving to specialize in simply the best films from around the world.

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