



October News

Kentucky to Launch Nationwide Lincoln Bicentennial Commemoration

President George W. Bush has been invited to Kentucky to launch the nation's two-year Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commemoration, celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Kentucky's native son. Plans for the national kick-off events were announced September 27 at Farmington Historic Home in Louisville.



A gala celebration will be held at the Kentucky Center for the Arts in Louisville on February 11, 2008, with the official kick-off ceremony to be held at the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site in Hodgenville on the morning of February 12.

"Lincoln's life, at every corner, came back to Kentucky," said LaRue County Judge-Executive Tommy Turner, a member of the National Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and cochairman of the Kentucky commission. "It is altogether fitting and proper that we do this."

Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson discussed specific bicentennial plans underway in Louisville. Lindy Casebier, former executive director of the Kentucky Office of Arts and Cultural Heritage, said "this is truly a wonderful event for Kentucky. We're going to remind the world that Abraham Lincoln was a Kentuckian. He got his start here."

President Bush is expected to launch the celebration with a keynote address at Lincoln's birthplace. The ceremonies in Hodgenville are free and open to the public.

A day-long celebration and gala event will be held in Louisville February 11. Events include a Lincoln on Leadership Symposium, a champagne reception at the Kentucky Center for the Arts, and a Celebration of Lincoln program at the Center.

More details about the gala and the kick-off events are available on the [commission's official Web site](#).



Lincoln Days Celebration Draws Large Crowd

Sizzling late-summer heat did little to dampen enthusiasm at the annual Lincoln Days Celebration, held October 4-7 in Hodgenville. Governor Ernie Fletcher was on hand to present ceremonial checks for both the Lincoln Museum and for Renaissance on Main funding. He also unveiled the new Lincoln License plate, which should be available to the public in December.

"Our Abraham Lincoln heritage is something that unites all Kentuckians," Governor Fletcher said, following the Lincoln Days

Parade through Hodgenville. "The funding for Main Street improvements will help this historic city look its best as visitors flock here during the bicentennial celebration. The new license plate will serve as a symbol and a reminder of Lincoln's legacy and his Kentucky roots."

For photos of the Lincoln Days Celebration and more information on the Lincoln license plate, visit www.kylincoln.org.

Frazier Museum Offers Full Plate of Lincoln Specials

The Frazier International History Museum, located on the corner of Ninth and Main Streets in Louisville, has several Lincoln-themed programs planned during the next few months. Jim Getty will portray Abraham Lincoln as part of the museum's Living History Series beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14. The Frazier also has several Lincoln-themed "Bite of History" presentations planned, including:

- "The Shipley Sisters and their Lincoln Cousins on the Kentucky Frontier" presented by Col. Arthur Kelly - October 18, 2007.
- "What's Happening with the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission" presented by Dr. Darrell Bigham - November 15, 2007.

All "Bite of History" presentations take place at noon at the museum and are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Tony Dingman at 502-753- 5665.

Lexington Philharmonic to Offer Lincoln Discovery Series Concert

The Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra announced two performances of a Discovery Series concert titled "Lincoln: The Man, the Music, and the Legacy," to be held in March at the Singletary Center for the Arts in Lexington. This core content-based educational concert resurrects the music and dance that were popular in Abraham Lincoln's time and is designed to introduce classical music as a learning tool.

"Through song, music and dance, the Philharmonic discovery program will engage thousands of children from around the commonwealth and connect them with our 16th president and his lifelong love of music," said Joe Tackett, the Philharmonic's director of education.

The two performances will occur on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Seats are \$5 for the 10 a.m. concert and \$4 for the 11:30 a.m. concert. The general public as well as school, civic, home school, and senior groups are welcome. To receive the Philharmonic's education catalog or to purchase tickets for the concerts, contact Tackett at 859-233- 4226 or 888-494-4226.

Choral Work Honoring Lincoln's Legacy to Premiere at the Norton Center

"*With Malice Toward None - Abraham Lincoln, An American Icon*" is a five-movement choral cantata honoring Lincoln's legacy. It was composed by Teresa Tedder, a music instructor and musician-in-residence at St. Catharine College in Springfield, KY. With text based on Lincoln's own words, the work was created to mark the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth.

The premiere performance of the choral work will be held 8 p.m. Sunday, October 21, at the Norton Center in Danville. It will be performed again, along with other works by Tedder, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, October 27, at St. Catharine College.

According to Tedder, the piece was written to be performed by college, high school, community and church choirs and can be sung in its entirety or each section can be performed individually. Choral directors can contact Tedder at 270-789-9286 to request a complimentary copy of the score and a recording (after October 25). Copies for individual choir members must be purchased.

New Lincoln Web Site Now Available

The Kentucky Lincoln Bicentennial Commission has a new online home at www.kylincoln.org. The site features information on Kentucky's Lincoln story, Lincoln sites, and bicentennial events. An online calendar also provides up-to-date information about Lincoln-related events scheduled throughout the commonwealth. Other new features include photo galleries, a media room, and detailed grant information.



"With the wide array of features included on the commission's new Web site, Kentuckians, members of the media, and people around the world will have a 'one-stop shop' for exploring Kentucky's Lincoln Bicentennial commemoration," said Warren Greer, program coordinator for the Kentucky Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

Other News

- The Filson Historical Society will host a public conference October 18-20 titled *The Great Divide of the 1850s: The Border States and the Coming of the Civil War*. Topics will include the growing sectional tensions in Kentucky and the Ohio Valley in the 1850s and the polarizing impact of the book *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. More information can be found on the [Filson's Web site](#).
- According to press reports, Sally Field has been cast to portray Mary Todd Lincoln in Stephen Spielberg's new biopic titled "Lincoln." The movie is expected to be released in 2009. Field will join actor Liam Neeson, who has been cast as Abraham Lincoln.
- The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights recently added Abraham Lincoln to its Hall of Fame, which recognizes men and women who have made significant contributions to Kentucky's progress in the areas of civil and human rights. More information can be found on the [commission's Web site](#).
- The play, *Mary & Mister Lincoln* will be performed in the Old Courthouse on the Greensburg Square 4 p.m. central time Sunday, October 28, and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. central time Saturday, November 3. The play revolves around Lincoln's courtship and marriage proposal to Mary Owens of Green County, Kentucky.
- The Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission will meet 1 p.m. Monday, November 19, in Hodgenville.

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