



## January 2009 News

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### Distinguished Historian Burlingame to Speak at KHS Presidents' Day Event

Michael Burlingame, a noted Abraham Lincoln scholar and historian, will discuss Lincoln's life and significance when he visits the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort on Monday, February 16, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. This ticketed dinner event is the culminating piece of the Kentucky Historical Society's three-day series of February events commemorating the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial.

Burlingame, who has edited or authored twelve books investigating the life and times of Lincoln, will come to Frankfort as a second stop on his book tour for his long-anticipated biography, *Abraham Lincoln: A Life*. As Doris Kearns Goodwin has noted, "Lincoln scholars have waited anxiously for this book for decades. Its triumphant publication proves it well worth the wait. No one in recent history has uncovered more fresh sources than Michael Burlingame."



"It is a privilege to host Dr. Burlingame here at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort," said KHS Executive Director Kent Whitworth. "We are delighted to have a Lincoln scholar of his stature in Kentucky on Presidents' Day during the Lincoln Bicentennial year."

Tickets for the event, which include dinner and a book signing following Burlingame's presentation, are \$25 for students, \$35 for KHS members, and \$45 for all other patrons. Table reservations are also available. Seating is limited, so reserve space by February 9 by emailing [Julia Curry](#) or calling her at 502-564-1792.

## Visit Hodgenville for Bicentennial Events on February 12!

Several Lincoln bicentennial commemorative events are planned for the Hodgenville area on February 12, beginning with a flag raising and wreath laying ceremony at the downtown plaza in Hodgenville at 9 a.m.

At 10 a.m., a representative from the U.S. Mint will join state and local dignitaries at the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace N.H.S. in Hodgenville to release the first of four 2009 Lincoln pennies. The penny unveiling will also feature musical presentations and remarks from park superintendent Keith Pruitt, University of Louisville professor Thomas Mackey, Lincoln presenter Jim Sayre and state officials.



At noon, the annual Lincoln Days Luncheon will be held at Lincoln Elementary School. Tickets are \$25 per person. To purchase tickets, call the Lincoln Days Celebration office at 270-358-8710.

At 1 p.m., shuttle busses will begin leaving from the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace N.H.S. for Knob Creek, with stops at the Lincoln Elementary School and near the square in downtown Hodgenville.

At 2 p.m., a Lincoln Days opera-play will be presented free to the public at the Hodgenville Civic Center.

From 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., there will be a formal dedication of the restored Boyhood Cabin at Knob Creek and a ribbon-cutting. Shuttle busses will begin returning to the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace N.H.S. at 3 p.m., with stops in downtown Hodgenville and at Lincoln Elementary School.

For updated information, visit the [Abraham Lincoln Birthplace Web site](#).

## Kentucky Humanities Council to present "Our Lincoln" in Washington, D.C.

The Kentucky Humanities Council, Inc. will present *Our Lincoln: Kentucky's Gift to the Nation* at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 2, at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

The show, produced in collaboration with the University of Kentucky Opera Theatre, has a cast of more than 350 performers drawn largely from Kentucky talent, including nationally known public radio personality Bob Edwards, who will be the guest host. *Our Lincoln* will also welcome back another well-known Kentuckian - radio and television personality Nick Clooney will narrate Aaron Copland's



*Lincoln Portrait*, performed by the University of Kentucky Symphony Orchestra.

*Our Lincoln* stars the internationally acclaimed American Spiritual Ensemble, whose soloist Angelique Clay will sing *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, commemorating Marian Anderson's historic 1939 concert on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

The UK Opera Theatre will perform selections from *River of Time*, a new Kentucky folk opera about Lincoln as a young man. In addition, more than 150 voices of the Lexington Singers and the UK Chorale will lend their talents to *Songs of Freedom* from the Lincoln era. Violinist Mark O'Connor will play some of the haunting music made popular by filmmaker Ken Burns' series *The Civil War*; Metropolitan Opera star Angela Brown will perform a selection from the opera, *Margaret Garner*; and Kentucky's own Met star Gregory Turay will solo in the world premiere of a musical composition, *The Gettysburg Address*, by Alan Gershwin.

For tickets or further information, visit the [Our Lincoln Web site](#).

### **"One Man's Lincoln" to be presented at LaRue County High School**

The Kentucky Repertory Theatre will perform *One Man's Lincoln* on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at the LaRue County High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets to the play are free of charge, but must be presented at the door. Get your ticket at the Lincoln Museum, 66 Lincoln Square, Hodgenville. Seating will begin at 7 p.m.

The Lincoln Museum will also host a dinner prior to the play at 6:30 p.m.. Tickets are \$12.50 each and seating is limited. Proceeds from the dinner will go to the Lincoln Museum and Kentucky Repertory Theatre. Call 270-358-3163 for more information.

### **KALBC to Distribute Learning Resource Sheets Statewide**

A colorful, two-sided learning resource sheet about Abraham Lincoln, developed by the Kentucky Historical Society, Kentucky Department of Education, and Kentucky Educational Television, will be distributed to 4th and 5th grade students in Kentucky's public schools in time to be used on February 12, 2009. The project was funded by the Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

"I am excited that the Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and the Kentucky Historical Society are providing a free learning resource sheet to all fourth and fifth grade students across the state," said Paula Goss, social studies consultant for the Kentucky Department of Education. "The learning resource sheets complement the standards-based lessons created by the Lincoln Bicentennial Teacher Network."

The front side of the learning resource sheet, titled "A President is Born: Kentucky's Abraham Lincoln," includes a reading section about Lincoln's Kentucky years, along with a timeline, biographical poem, map activities and information on *Beyond the Log Cabin: Kentucky's Abraham Lincoln*, the commonwealth's signature Lincoln exhibition, produced by KHS.

The back side of the learning resource sheet covers Lincoln's presidency and his views on slavery. Activities on the sheet allow students to write about Lincoln, draw an alternative design for the 2009 Lincoln penny, and explore the traits that made Lincoln one of the world's greatest leaders.

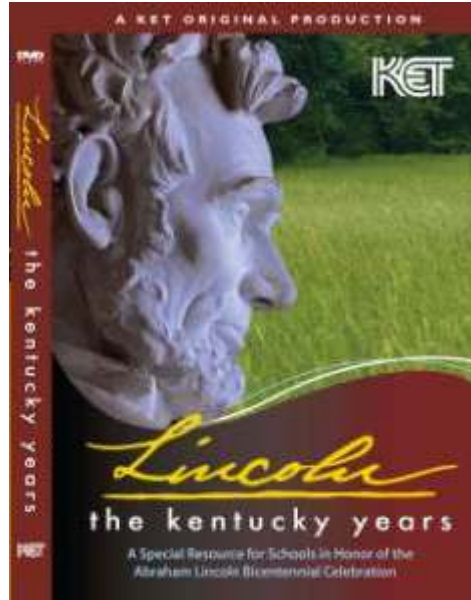
The learning resource is also available in PDF on the [KALBC Web site](#).

## Kentucky Schools to Receive Lincoln DVD

Using grant funds from the Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, Kentucky Educational Television (KET) is distributing three copies of a DVD titled *Lincoln: The Kentucky Years* to Kentucky public school media centers at no cost to the schools.

The 14-minute film, which includes components from *Lincoln: I, too, am a Kentuckian*, the KET documentary, focuses on Lincoln's early years in Kentucky as well as the ways Lincoln's Kentucky connections affected his personality, values, and accomplishments. KET and the KALBC urge schools to present the film to their students the week of Lincoln's 200th birthday commemoration - Feb. 9 through Feb.13.

"We hope this DVD celebrating Lincoln and his connections to Kentucky will be useful to Kentucky educators, not only in this special Lincoln Bicentennial year, but for years to come," said Teresa Day, arts and special projects manager at KET.



Other Lincoln-themed educational resources can be found on [KET's Lincoln site](#) or the [KALBC Web site](#).

### Other notes of interest...

#### Take Part in February Bicentennial Events Across the Commonwealth

Kentuckians from Paducah to Pikeville are participating in Lincoln Bicentennial commemorative events and activities. Check out the [KALBC February events page](#) to find out what's happening in your area!

#### Explore *Lincoln's Life Through Kentucky Eyes* in February

Many people know that Abraham Lincoln was born in Kentucky and spent the first seven years of his life in the commonwealth. Few, however, realize how connected Lincoln remained to Kentucky throughout his life. Now, during the bicentennial commemoration of Lincoln's birth, the Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) Museum Theatre program explores the complex relationship between Lincoln and his native state in the twenty-minute play, *Lincoln's Life Through Kentucky Eyes*. View the play Saturdays in February at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History, or find out more by contacting [Greg Hardison](#).

#### Lincoln Bookmarks Available for Kentucky Teachers

Kentucky teachers can receive free Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial bookmarks for their classes by emailing [Jeanine Scott](#) with their name, address, and the number of bookmarks requested.

#### Museums-to-Go Schedule

*Discovering Kentucky's Abraham Lincoln*, a five- panel mobile exhibit which illustrates Lincoln's ties to his native state produced by the Kentucky Historical Society, is now available for reservation. Each panel is dedicated to a different theme: "A Frontier Childhood," "Becoming President," "Ending Slavery," "Lincoln and Kentucky at War!" and "Remembering Lincoln Differently."

The Lincoln editions of Museums-to-Go exhibits will be displayed at the following locations in February:

- Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, KY
- Letcher County Central High School, Whitesburg, KY
- River Park Center, Owensboro, KY, February 9-12
- Bluegrass Heritage Museum, Winchester, KY
- Centre College, Danville, KY
- National Center for Presidential Studies, Branson, MO

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