

Lincoln Bicentennial Programming

The Museum will present a variety of programs that will engage visitors to explore the qualities that make Lincoln familiar and meaningful for Americans today. The Museum will continually update more program information for the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial celebration on the Museum's website at www.chicagohistory.org.

NOVEMBER 2008

November 13, 2008 – Richard Norton Smith (co-sponsored with the Chicago Bar Association and the Chicago Public Library): Richard Norton Smith, one of the nation's foremost presidential historians is an authority on Abraham Lincoln and his life. This lecture and reception is FREE and limited to CBA and CHM members. 6:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2009

February 6, 2009 – Abraham Lincoln: His Legal Career and His Vision for America (co-sponsored with the Seventh Circuit Bar Association): This symposium will be held at the Chicago Cultural Center, with simulcast participation in Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Springfield, and St. Louis. Historians and legal scholars will discuss Lincoln's law career and presidency.

February 12, 2009 – Abraham Lincoln's Birthday Celebration: This event is the official kick-off for the bicentennial year. An assortment of Lincoln-focused programming will take place throughout the day. 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. General Admission for the day will be 1cent.

February 16, 2009 – President's Day Celebration: Families will celebrate this national holiday through stories and songs celebrating our nation and its leaders. Musical and dramatic performances and kids crafts will also take place. 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. FREE.

MARCH 2009

March 31, 2009 – Author Charles Lachman Lectures on *The Last Lincolns*: Lachman, Executive Producer for *Inside Edition* and author of the recent book, *The Last Lincolns*, joins us for a presentation about his book that discusses the largely unknown story of the acrimony that consumed the Lincolns in the months and years that followed the president's murder. 6:30- 8:00 p.m. \$10/\$8 Museum members or free with book purchase from the Museum Store.

APRIL 2009

April 5, 2009 – Project Sunday film series - *The Hunt for John Wilkes Booth*: From the fateful balcony in Ford's Theatre to Dr. Samuel Mudd's remote home to the fiery showdown in a Virginia farmhouse, experience firsthand the suspenseful search for America's first presidential assassin. 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. FREE with Museum admission.

ChicagoHistoryMuseum

April 21, 2009 – Wet With Blood lecture: The Museum's collection includes the cloak allegedly worn by Mary Todd Lincoln on the night of her husband's assassination. Russell Lewis, the Museum's chief historian will take an investigative look at the evidence, myths, and facts behind this fascinating object. FREE with Museum admission.

MAY 2009

May 2, 2009 – Doris Kerns Goodwin Keynote (co-sponsored with the Chicago Bar Association and the Chicago Public Library): A program and dinner featuring Doris Kerns Goodwin, presidential historian, will be presented in the Grand Ballroom at Navy Pier.

May 3, 2009 – Project Sunday film series – Cinco de Mayo: Learn the true significance behind this holiday through this A&E documentary. 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. FREE with Museum admission.

May 5, 2009 – Cinco de Mayo Fiesta!: The evening will allow for guests to learn about the meaning behind this holiday while enjoying live music, dance, and cocktails. 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. \$20/\$15 Museum members.

May 9, 2009 – Lincoln in Public Art: Historian Al Walavich leads this bus tour visiting the various images of Lincoln in our city's public art and will discuss Lincoln's legacy. 1:00-5:00 p.m. \$45/\$40 Museum members.

May 16, 2009 – Presidential Fashion and First Lady Flair: The Museum's curator of costumes, Timothy Long, will discuss how fashion influenced our country's presidents and first ladies and how their style affected our nation. FREE with Museum admission.

JUNE 2009

June 20, 2009 – Viva Pilsen!: This walking tour of Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood explores the vibrant Mexican community and the story and heritage of its residents. 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. \$15/\$10 Museum members.

June 24, 2009 – Stars and Stripes Summer Sail: This pre-Fourth of July boat tour will include a tour of "old Chicago," live music, and dazzling fireworks. 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. \$45/\$40 Museum members.

JULY 2009

July 19, 2009 – The Presidential Peddle: Peddle through Abraham Lincoln's life on this bike tour that visits various images of Lincoln in our city's public art. BYOB (bring your own bike). 8:30 a.m. \$25/\$20 Museum members.

AUGUST 2009

August 9, 2009 – Project Sunday film series – Lincoln: Man or Myth?: From the depths of 19th-century archives to the most up-to-date theories and discoveries, Bill Kurtis probes the façade of myth that has evolved around Lincoln. The documentary is 60 minutes, and discussion with Bill Kurtis will follow. 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. FREE with Museum admission.

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August 20, 2009 – History Pub Crawl of Lincoln Avenue: Tour historic Lincoln Avenue taverns while learning about the legacy of one of our nation's most important presidents. 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. \$25/\$20 Museum members.

SEPTEMBER 2009

September 12, 2009 – Civil War Chicago: This bus tour talks about the impact of the Civil War on Chicago while visiting sites that played a pivotal role during the time. 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. \$45/\$40 Museum members.

September 13, 2009 – Project Sunday film series – Mexico's White House: Once the home of Mexico's rulers, Chapultepec Castle is a blend of Mexican and European influences that embodies the history of the nation. 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. This film is FREE with Museum admission.

OCTOBER 2009

October 10, 2009 – Opening Day Celebration of Lincoln and Juárez Exhibitions: Opening day will present an assortment of Lincoln and Juárez focused programming. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. General Admission for the day will be 1cent.

October 12, 2009 – Right to Rise panel discussion featuring Judge Ruben Castillo (co-sponsored with The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission): This program will feature Judge Castillo and other guests to address the growing issues around immigration and the American dream.

October 31, 2009 – Viva Pilsen! Featuring Dia de los Muertos: This walking tour of the Pilsen neighborhood features a special focus on Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. \$15/\$10 Museum members.

NOVEMBER 2009

November 2009 – Fall Lecture Seminar: While Abraham Lincoln is often celebrated and recognized as one of our nation's heroes, he was also involved in matters that have sparked controversial discussions about his life and career. This three-part seminar will take a closer look at Lincoln's relationship with African Americans, Native Americans, and Mexico. 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. \$10/\$8 Museum members.

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