

# Pennsylvania Abraham Lincoln

B I C E N T E N N I A L C O M M I S S I O N

1809-2009

*Happy Inauguration Day!*

## 2009 Inaugural Theme: 'A New Birth of Freedom'



"A New Birth of Freedom" commemorates the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. The theme was chosen by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in consultation with the Senate Historian's Office. Inaugural themes are incorporated into the official Inaugural program, Inaugural Luncheon menu and decor.



Another part of the visual imagery used to convey the Inaugural theme is an image of the sculpture of Lincoln in his memorial. Gettysburg's own President Lincoln, Jim Getty, recites the Gettysburg Address as part of the National Park Service's Lincoln Memorial Educational Guide. The Guide offers a range of free interpretive Ranger talks on many themes including, "The Gettysburg Address", "Debunking the Myths of the Lincoln Memorial", and the "Life and Times of Lincoln the Man". Ranger talks can be heard by dialing (202) 747-3420. For more information on Jim Getty's scheduled presentations at PA libraries, please visit the PA ALBC website, [Bicentennial Calendar](#).

### February 2-7, 2009

#### Happy Birthday President Lincoln, from the People



9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Main Rotunda, State Capitol Building, N. Third and State Streets, Harrisburg, PA

Join artist Wendy Allen as she creates a portrait of President Lincoln as part of the national Lincoln Birthday Card Project. Members of the public will have the opportunity to add their birthday greetings on the attached signature panels. For more info, visit: [www.happybirthdayalincolin.com](http://www.happybirthdayalincolin.com).



### February 9, 2009

#### Ed Bearrs on the Lincoln Bicentennial

#### 7 p.m., Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall, Carnegie, PA

Edwin Coles Bearrs, the former Chief Historian for the National Park Service, a nationally renowned historical tour guide, and a frequent expert commentator on the History Channel, will be speaking on the topic of Abraham Lincoln's Bicentennial. For more info call 412-276-3456, extension 2.

### February 11, 2009

#### For the People

10 a.m. – 1 p.m., The Main Rotunda and House of Representatives

State Capitol Building, N. Third and State Streets, Harrisburg, PA

Come celebrate Lincoln's 200th Birthday! All events are free and open to the general public.

For more info, please call (717) 337-6608 or visit the [PA ALBC website](#).



### February 12, 2009

#### The National Teach-In on Lincoln

1:30 PM ET

The History Channel together with the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, will feature a National Teach-In on the life and legacy of Abraham. The teach-in will take place at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Educators and students nationwide can visit the [website](#) for resources and to tune-in and view this LIVE webcast online at.



**February 12, 2009**

**David Wills House Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

2 p.m. – 8 p.m., 8 Lincoln Square, Gettysburg

For more information about the David Wills House, visit the Wills House online at [www.mainstreetgettysburg.org/willshouse.html](http://www.mainstreetgettysburg.org/willshouse.html)

**February 12, 2009**

**The American Spiritual Ensemble**

7:30 p.m., Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg

A once-in-a-lifetime celebration of Lincoln's 200th birthday and Black History Month! Some of the country's most accomplished vocalists raise their collective voices in praise of the African-American musical tradition. For ticket prices, call 717-337-8200. For more information on the American Spiritual Ensemble, please visit their [website](#).



**February 12-13, 2009**

**"The Better Angels of Our Nature: The Legacy of Abraham Lincoln"**

The Union League, Philadelphia

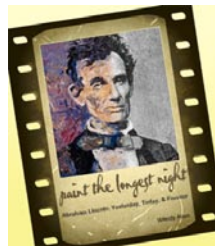
This two-day conference on the legacy of Abraham Lincoln will feature speakers such as Allen Guelzo, Harry Jaffa, William Allen, Chandra Manning, Lucas Morel, and Hardley Arkes, and will focus on the topic of the legacy of Abraham Lincoln. Sponsored by Villanova University's Matthew J. Ryan Center for the Study of Free Institutions and the Public Good. More information and the conference program can be found [here](#).

**February 12-16, 2009**

**Happy Birthday President Lincoln, from the People**

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Historic Gettysburg Railroad Station, 35 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325, Phone: (717) 337-8233  
Come see artist Wendy Allen's national Lincoln Birthday Card Project when it visits Gettysburg!



**February 16, 2009**

**"Paint the Longest Night": Abraham Lincoln, Today, & Forever**

Documentary film premier and panel discussion

7 p.m. Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, Phone: 717-337-8200

In her documentary film, artist Wendy Allen records the journeys taken by Adams County, Pennsylvania art students and their teachers as they studied the adversities Lincoln faced and the art work they created based on their discoveries. For more info, [click here](#).

**About the Commission**

Based at the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College, the purpose of the Pennsylvania Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission is to organize, arrange, and coordinate bicentennial tributes to Abraham Lincoln in Pennsylvania and to coordinate those activities with the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission of the federal government, as well as other interested parties. For more information about the PA ALBC, please visit our website at: <http://www.palincoln.org/>

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"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan - to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations." *Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address, March 4, 1865.*