

# Pennsylvania Abraham Lincoln

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## July 2009 Events



**July 1, 2009**

**Alaska Children's Choir Lincoln Bicentennial Concert**

**8:15 p.m.**

**Gettysburg**

The award-winning Alaska Children's Choir have put together a special Lincoln Bicentennial Tour for 2009, titled "Voices of Hope and Peace." Join them in Gettysburg for a program of Civil War-era songs and sacred and secular music in different languages. To learn more about the Alaska

Children's Choir, visit their [website](#). Admission is free, but tickets are required. Visit [www.gettysburgfoundation.org](http://www.gettysburgfoundation.org), call 877-874-2478 or stop by the ticket counter in the lobby of the Museum and Visitor Center to receive tickets. Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center Film Theater, 1195 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg, PA 17325

**July 2-5, 2009**

**Lincoln 200: The Bicentennial Festival**

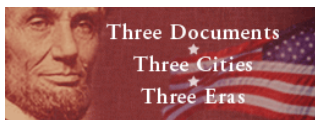
**Grand Opening Reception**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Philadelphia**

July 4th takes a new twist as Philadelphia celebrates Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday at the very spot where America was born. Join in to celebrate America's 16th president with [Lincoln200™: The Bicentennial Festival](#). The Festival theme, "Lincoln Then and Now," shines the spotlight on period and contemporary takes on artistic, cultural, and culinary works, innovations in technology, and healthcare, and connects the lasting legacy of Lincoln to today's world. Independence Visitor Center, 6th and Market Streets Philadelphia, PA 19106

*Funds raised from Lincoln 200 will benefit Military Families and [The Wounded Warrior Project](#).*



**July 12-July 29, 2009**

**The 2009 Presidential Academy**

**Philadelphia, Gettysburg, and Washington, DC.**

The Presidential Academy for American History and Civics will lead secondary school teachers in a careful study of the pivotal turning points in American history memorialized by the Declaration of Independence, the Gettysburg Address, and the "I Have a Dream" speech.

Participating teachers will spend five days in Philadelphia, six days in Gettysburg, and five days in Washington, DC, studying the American Revolution and Founding, the Civil War, and the Civil Rights movement, respectively. For more information, visit the [website](#).

**July 15,16,17, 2009**

**Journey Through Hallowed Ground Annual Conference**

**"Switching the Lens: History Through a New Perspective"**

**Gettysburg**

The 3rd Annual [Journey Through Hallowed Ground](#) Partners Meeting will be held at the historic Majestic Theater in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and will feature noted Civil War historians and acclaimed authors Harvard University President Drew Gilpin Faust and Richmond University President Ed Ayres.

**Lincoln in 3D:** Stereoscope, or 3-D photography, was the rage in Civil War America. Bob Zeller from the [Center for Civil War Photography](#) has digitized the images of Civil War photographers Brady, Gardner and others into a stunning presentation that will give participants a new perspective on President Lincoln and the American Civil War. For more info, please call (540) 882-4929 or email [JTHG-office@JTHG.org](mailto:JTHG-office@JTHG.org). This event is in partnership with Gettysburg College and the Gettysburg Convention and Visitors Bureau.



**July 17, 2009**

**Mary Todd Lincoln: A Woman on the Edge**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Milford**

The Pike County Historical Society invites you to an encore performance of Mary Todd Lincoln: A Woman on the Edge portrayed by local actress Stacy Jane Case. Tickets are \$45 per person and include dinner and dessert. Please call **(570)296-8126** to make your reservation. At the Water Wheel Café, Water Street, Upper Mill Complex.



**The Lincoln Window**  
**Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home**  
**Erie**

This beautiful Tiffany window is in the chapel at the back of the Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home in Erie, Pennsylvania. It was installed when the building was erected in 1889. Legend has it that Lincoln actually sat for the artist who created the portrait – however research by a representative from the Library of Congress in 2008 could not substantiate this claim and uncovered very little in the way of additional information about the history of the window. The window remains a beautiful tribute to Erie's Lincoln connection.

Lincoln's inauguration train stopped in three locations in Erie County. Read a brief account from the [Erie Weekly Gazette](#). His funeral train took the same route back to Springfield, Illinois. The people travelling with the President's body were exhausted and the stop in Erie almost didn't happen. It did make one around 3:00 a.m. in the morning with only a handful of Erie mourners able to view the President. (Thanks to Becky Weiser from the Erie County Historical Society for the photo and information.) The Erie County Historical Society has a sizeable Lincoln collection of secondary objects and some unusual souvenirs. For more information about the Erie County Historical Society, please visit their [website](#).

## *Celebrating Lincoln's Legacy Around the World*

**July 3-5, 2009**

**The Global Lincoln**

Oxford, England

From July 3-5, 2009 St. Catherine's College Oxford will host a three-day symposium entitled "The Global Lincoln," focusing on the global legacy of the American president. It is supported by the national Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, the University of Oxford, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation, the Chicago History Museum, the Gilder-Lehrman Institute, and the US Embassy in London. For more information please visit the [website](#).

**Lincoln Statues Around the World**



Lincoln statues from left to right: Tijuana, Mexico; London, England; Manchester, England; Edinburgh, Scotland

**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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*"In your hands, my dissatisfied fellow-countrymen, and not in mine, is the momentous issue of civil war. The Government will not assail you. You can have no conflict without being yourselves the aggressors. You have no oath registered in heaven to destroy the Government, while I shall have the most solemn one to 'preserve, protect, and defend it'."*  
Lincoln's First Inaugural Address, March 4, 1861