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ABRAHAM LINCOLN & LINCOLN'S CHICAGO

New installations open at the Chicago History Museum honoring our 16th President

CHICAGO (February 7, 2011) – The Chicago History Museum will unveil two new installations on the Museum's second floor surrounding the life, presidency, and death of Abraham Lincoln. Both installations, *Abraham Lincoln* and *Lincoln's Chicago* open to the public on his birthday, February 12, 2011.

The permanent installation, *Abraham Lincoln*, focuses on his election in 1860, his leadership during his presidency and his tragic assassination in this intimate space. A sound and light show will engage adults and children with rare Lincoln artifacts, including a portrait, his gold watch, life mask, and death bed. Together these stories honor a great leader whose legacy endures. The *Abraham Lincoln* installation is supported by a gift from The Gupta Family, with additional support from The Joyce Foundation in honor of Lawrence N. Hansen.

The second installation, *Lincoln's Chicago*, focuses on his connections to the city of Chicago. Between 1847 and 1860, Lincoln's work brought him to Chicago where he made critical connections that helped him gain the Republican presidential nomination in 1860. This installation pairs the portraits of Chicagoans that Lincoln would have known along with rare, richly detailed lithographs of Chicago in the 1860s. The McCormick Foundation is the Lead Exhibition Sponsor of *Lincoln's Chicago*. Education funding for *Lincoln's Chicago* is provided by JP Morgan Chase and the Terra Foundation for American Art.

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The Chicago History Museum, a major museum and research center for Chicago and American history, is located at 1601 N. Clark Street. The Museum can be reached by CTA buses 11, 22, 36, 72, 73, 151, and 156. Parking is conveniently located one block north of the Museum at Clark and LaSalle Streets (enter on Stockton Drive). Admission to the Museum is \$14 adults with audio tour, \$12 seniors/students with audio tour, free for children 12 years and younger. Please call 312.642.4600 or visit us at www.chicagohistory.org. The Chicago History Museum is affiliated with the Chicago Historical Society and acknowledges the Chicago Park District's generous support of all the Museum's activities.