

LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL PROGRAMMING

Innovative programming for the Lincoln Bicentennial year was launched in February 2009. Throughout the celebratory year the Museum will continue to present informative and revealing lectures, tours, and festive activities about the lives and legacies of both Lincoln and Juárez. More information on programming can be found at www.chicagohistory.org/lincoln.

Opening weekend (Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11). Museum admission is a penny which includes programming throughout the weekend.

- **Opening Day** – Saturday, October 10: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. This festive day includes music by Mariachi Mexico Vivo, performances by the Ballet Folklórico Nacional de Chicago, a presentation of *Meet The Lincolns*, and a rendition of Aaron Copland's *A Lincoln Portrait* featuring Bill Kurtis. A special Lincoln and Juárez cake is being designed by the Cake Girls as seen on the Food Network.
- **Project Sunday: Mexico's White House** – Sunday, October 11: Film begins at 1:30 p.m. Once the home of Mexico's rulers, Chapultepec Castle is a unique blend of Mexican and European influences that embodies the storied history of the nation. Get a filmed behind-the-scenes tour of this remarkable building that has played so many roles in Mexico's history.

Lincoln Diversified: Looking through the lens of slavery, Native American displacement, and foreign relations with Mexico, this seminar explores Lincoln's relationships with diverse populations. Each program begins at 7:00 p.m. and admission is \$10/\$8 for Museum members. Admission to all three programs is \$27/\$22 for Museum members.

- **The Fiery Trial** – Thursday, October 29: Lincoln shared many of the prejudices of his time until his political beliefs transformed during the war. Columbia University's Eric Foner will examine the evolution of Lincoln's attitudes towards the institution of slavery.
- **Civil Unrest** – Thursday, November 12: Historian Silvestre Villegas Revueltas, a Juárez expert, will discuss the relationship between the United States and Mexico during the

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years of Mexican Reform and the American Civil War. Revueltas is a historian at the Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas- Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico in Mexico City.

- ***Lincoln, Indians, and the War for the Union*** – Tuesday, November 17: A Placing Indian affairs in the broad context of Civil War politics and the settling of the West, Paul Kelton will cover the controversies and relationships between Abraham Lincoln, American politics, and Native Americans.

Lincoln's Leadership for a Multicultural World – Monday, October 12: In the 1850s, Lincoln stood against the anti-immigrant Know-Nothing party, and his administration later established a Commissioner of Immigration. United States District Court Judge Ruben Castillo imparts a Latino perspective on Lincoln's legacy and its impact on immigration, human rights, and citizenship today. Presented in partnership with the National Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. Reception begins at 5:30 p.m., program at 6:30 p.m., and admission is Free.

Civil War Chicago – Saturday, September 19: Visit locations throughout the city that help tell the story of the Civil War and its connections to Chicago. This bus tour runs from 1:00–5:00 p.m. and admission is \$45, \$40 Museum members.

Viva Pilsen – Saturday, October 31: Learn about Pilsen's Bohemian past and get to know its vibrant Latino community today. This walking tour runs from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. Admission is \$10, \$5 members.

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