



LINCOLN INAUGURAL 03.04.11 *Sesquicentennial*

On March 4, 1861, Abraham Lincoln raised his hand to take the presidential oath of office. On the 150th anniversary of his Inauguration, and in celebration of his vision, wisdom and determination to preserve the Federal union, eight of Illinois' leading civic organizations bring together five of our nation's foremost Lincoln scholars – and dozens of important, precious artifacts – to illuminate the man, his times, and the crisis that defined his presidency. Please join us for this extraordinary event.

**Union League Club of Chicago
65 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois**

**Friday, March 4, 2011
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

THIS PROGRAM IS PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP BY THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS:

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum
Chicago History Museum
Chicago Public Library
Civil War Round Table of Chicago
Lincoln Academy of Illinois
Newberry Library
Pritzker Military Library
Union League Club of Chicago

This program will be recorded for broadcast by C-SPAN and Illinois Channel.

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance
Welcoming Remarks
- 9:10 a.m. **ABRAHAM LINCOLN: PRELUDE TO THE PRESIDENCY** – Dr. Thomas F. Schwartz, Illinois State Historian; Chief Historian for Exhibits and Content, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum; Director of Research and the Lincoln Collection, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library

Using images from the collections of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Dr. Schwartz provides a rich context to Lincoln's activities during his transition from private citizen to 16th President of the United States of America. These activities range from Lincoln's correspondence with members of Congress to hold the line on slavery expansion, appointing a Cabinet, closing up his legal practice, renting the Lincoln family home, writing his inaugural address, and facing the first of many death threats.

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9:50 a.m. Q&A

10:15 a.m. **DEFINING THE SECESSION CRISIS: LINCOLN'S FIRST INAUGURAL ADDRESS** – Dr. David Zarefsky, author, “Lincoln, Douglas and Slavery: In the Crucible of Public Debate” University of Chicago Press, 1990; Owen L. Coons Professor Emeritus of Communication Studies, Northwestern University

Dr. Zarefsky examines the origin, structure and language of Lincoln's first inaugural address, the document the President-Elect so carefully crafted to communicate critical messages to the nation, the Southern states, and foreign powers prepared to capitalize on America's political unrest.

11:15 a.m. Break

11:15 to 5:00p.m. **Display of Abraham Lincoln and Civil War Artifacts from the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop Collection; Book Sale and Book Signings**

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

12:20 p.m. **LINCOLN & SECESSION: THE EVOLUTION OF HIS STRATEGY** – Dr. Michael Burlingame, author, “Abraham Lincoln: A Life” Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008, Winner of the 2010 Lincoln Prize; Chancellor Naomi B. Lynn Distinguished Chair in Lincoln Studies at the University of Illinois, Springfield

When southern states seceded from the Union during the winter of 1860-61, Lincoln intended to take a hard line by reclaiming forts, court houses, mints, arsenals, and other federal facilities commandeered by secessionists. Persuaded to take a softer line, Lincoln refused to compromise on two essential matters: he would not sanction the expansion of slavery into the territories, nor acknowledge the legitimacy of secession. Dr. Burlingame seeks to explain why Lincoln changed his mind and why he rejected the one compromise likely to prevent war.

12:55 p.m. Q&A

1:15 p.m. Luncheon Adjourns

1:25 p.m. **Depart Union League Club for Harold Washington Library, 400 South State Street.**
(*One block south and one block east of clubhouse.*)

1:30 p.m. **A Private Tour – Harold Washington Library**
The Special Collections of the Chicago Public Library include many of America's finest Lincoln and Civil War artifacts. Enjoy this private, guided tour of the Library's not-yet-open exhibit commemorating Lincoln's life, presidency and the war through which he led the nation.

Mary A. Dempsey, Commissioner
Greta Bever, Assistant Commissioner
Craig L. Davis, Director, Adult Services

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3:00 p.m. Depart Harold Washington Library for Union League Club.

3:15 p.m. **THE SURPRISING MR. LINCOLN** – Dr. Douglas L. Wilson, author, “Lincoln’s Sword: The Presidency and the Power of Words” Alfred A. Knopf, 2006, Winner of the 2007 Lincoln Prize; “Honor’s Voice: The Transformation of Abraham Lincoln” Alfred A. Knopf, 1998, Winner of the 1999 Lincoln Prize; George A. Lawrence Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of English and Co-Director of Lincoln Studies Center at Knox College

Like many great leaders, Abraham Lincoln enjoyed the benefit of being underestimated by his opponents and even by many of his supporters. Dr. Wilson explores how Lincoln’s friends and foes continued to be surprised – often even after Lincoln’s death – by the scope and depth of his wisdom, foresight, magnanimity, and stalwart character.

3:55 p.m. Q&A

4:15 p.m. **STORIES BEHIND THE ARTIFACTS: LINCOLN’S EARLY LIFE, PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN OF 1860, AND FIRST INAUGURATION** – Daniel Weinberg, co-author with James Swanson, “Lincoln’s Assassins: Their Trial and Execution” HarperCollins, 2006; proprietor, Abraham Lincoln Book Shop, Chicago; advisor to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, and a Director of the Lincoln Forum and the Abraham Lincoln Association

Over his distinguished career as proprietor of the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop, Mr. Weinberg has enjoyed first-hand contact with countless artifacts that further our understanding of Abraham Lincoln and his times. Here he shares captivating stories that bring to life rare objects highlighting Lincoln’s early years and his first presidential campaign and inaugural.

4:45 p.m. Q&A

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REGISTRATION FORM
150th Anniversary of the Inauguration
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Payment Enclosed:

- Check *Please make payable to Union League Club of Chicago.*
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To reserve a guest room, please contact (312) 435-5015 and mention “Lincoln Symposium.”

Please mail your completed Registration Form to:

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Attn: Public Affairs Office
65 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

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For further event information, please telephone 312.435.5946