



LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE COMES TO KALAMAZOO

A LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM

A WEEK WITH LINCOLN
IN KALAMAZOO TO CELEBRATE HIS
200TH BIRTHDAY, 1809-2009

EVENTS SATURDAY AUGUST 15
THROUGH SUNDAY AUGUST 23, 2009

Bronson Park, Kalamazoo & Portage Libraries
The Kalamazoo Valley Museum

THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY AUGUST 15, 2009

2:00pm Book Discussion "A Team of Rivals"
Kalamazoo Public Library

MONDAY AUGUST 17, 2009

7 - 8:30pm Meet Mary Todd Lincoln, Kalamazoo
Public Library. Mrs. Lincoln, as portrayed by
re-enactor Sally Redinger, will talk about her
time in the White House and her sons. She
will share reproductions of period toys with
children in the audience.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19, 2009

6:30-7:30pm Lincoln's Kalamazoo Speech
Portage Public Library

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2009

9am - 5pm At this time the first sale of the cachet envelopes
with a local winning student design and the new
Lincoln US postage stamps with Kalamazoo
cancellation will be offered for sale by the post
office at a booth set up at the Kalamazoo
Museum. Envelope cost will be \$2.00 plus
selected Lincoln stamps. Student art entries for
the cachet envelope will be on display all week
at the Kalamazoo Museum and Public Library.

SATURDAY AUGUST 22, 2009

9:00am Visit the Lincoln Displays at the Kalamazoo
Valley Museum and Public Library

11:00am Lincoln Stamps and Cachet Envelope with
student art available from the Post Office
booth in Bronson Park

11:00am Dodworth Saxhorn Band at the Museum with
Lincoln's favorite music. Civil War Round-
table Color Guard presentation of the colors

12:00 Noon Meet the participants. The Color Guard,
Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln and Justice Douglas
performers mingle with visitors at the museum.
Bring the kids for great photo opportunities.

12:00-1:00pm A penny for your thoughts! For those
12 and under an early 1900 mint date
Lincoln penny, courtesy Scotts Sports Cards
and Jewelry of Kalamazoo, will be given
each youngster who visits with Mr. Lincoln.

1:00pm Lincoln, Douglas, Color Guard and
Dodworth Band parade to Bronson Park.
Everyone is welcome to march in the parade.

1:30pm Introduction of the Lincoln Douglas Debate –
Bronson Park by debate moderator:
Senator Tom George.

1:45pm The Lincoln Douglas Debate with Abraham
Lincoln and Stephen Douglas as portrayed
by Fred Priebe and Len Steinberg.

3:00pm Post Debate Discussion –Moderator
Senator Tom George

3:15pm Presentation of the Cachet Envelope
design winner – Jon Scott, Officer-In-Charge,
U.S. Post Office, Kalamazoo

3:30-4:30pm Presentation of the ladies and gentlemen in
styles of the 1800s to the accompaniment
of the Saxhorn Band at the Rotary Stage.
Commentary by Patti Borrello.

The Lincoln-Douglas Debate

This will be a summary of the seven debates between Abraham Lincoln and Steven Douglas in their 1858 campaign for the U.S. Senate. Our reenactors will be Fred Priebe as Abraham Lincoln and Len Steinberg as Steven Douglas. Much of the program will include actual language from the debates themselves. Each candidate will have time for opening remarks, rebuttal and questions from the audience. The debate is not recommended for students below the middle school level because of the sensitive nature of the content and attitudes expressed toward slavery.

PROGRAM HOST: State Senator Tom George

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