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Abraham Lincoln Mobile Museum Exhibit

- As a special tribute to the bicentennial the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Museum is launching the “Abraham Lincoln: Self Made in America” exhibit. This mobile exhibit is Illinois’ gift to the nation to commemorate the Lincoln Bicentennial. It will be travelling America over the next two years.
- The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is the heart of the Lincoln Legacy, and is located in the heart of Illinois, the state capitol of Springfield.
- Our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, is considered to be the country’s greatest and most visionary leader during the most challenging of times.
- The exhibit tells the story of Lincoln’s life starting with his humble beginnings, his role as a father and husband, his role in politics and law, the Emancipation Proclamation, the 13th amendment and ending with 1,662 mile train ride back to Springfield.
- It features interactive displays and reproduction documents and artifacts inside a 53-foot long, expandable trailer. Some artifacts include a reproduction of the Gettysburg Address, Lincoln famous stove pipe hat, Mary Lincoln’s music box, and a replication of Lincoln’s earliest known writing as a boy.
- The exhibit includes a holographic presentation of Lincoln’s 1861 heartfelt Farewell Address from the rear of a train car in Springfield, Illinois as he left for the White House.
- A highlight of the exhibit is the award-winning “The Civil War in Four Minutes” video presentation.
- It is the only exhibit of its type in the country. With this mobile exhibit, we are offering visitors a taste of the experience they will have when they visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.
- On April 19, 2005, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum began to deliver on its mission to preserve, and present the legacy of America’s greatest president. Since then, the number of American and international visitors who have graced our halls have made it the most popular presidential library in history. The Abraham Lincoln

Presidential Library and Museum is a state of the art facility that has attracted 1.5 million visitors to Springfield in just three years

- The exhibit was funded in part by a grant from the Illinois Bureau of Tourism.
- Currently we are seeking Corporate sponsors, check our website for more information.
- Over the past 150 years since he was in office, President Lincoln remains the second most researched, talked about and written about figure in our nation's history.
- The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum uses 21st century technology to bring a 19th century president and his times to life.
- The Museum's combination of scholarship and showmanship appeals to visitors of all ages. It offers a thought provoking and heart opening experience to all to visit.
- The Museum teaches children about the American Dream and the value of leadership, determination, and a strong moral compass.
- At just over 200,000 square feet the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum complex takes up the equivalent of two entire city blocks—and these areas include 100,000 square feet occupied by the library building and 100,000 square feet for the museum.
- The total cost for designing and building the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum complex was just under 150 million dollars.
- In the early part of the last century, the Presidential Library Act was signed into law by President Franklin Roosevelt. That Act grandfathered each president from Herbert Hoover on forward—and every Commander in Chief since is now a part of the official National Archives and Records Administration presidential library system. Yet, because Lincoln died in 1865, he was not covered by the Presidential Library Act—which left all of us sort of on our own when it came to raising funds, developing and building the project.
- The Presidential Library's 50,000-item Lincoln collection is one of the worlds largest and contains such things as an original copy of the Gettysburg Address and Lincoln's stove pipe hat.
- This building is the home to the Illinois State Historical Library, with its 15 million items including all aspects of Illinois history and a Lincoln Collection which now consists of more than 50 thousand items.
- The firm, BRC Imagination Arts from California designed the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and the artist Gregory Manchess painted the image of Lincoln we are using for the Bicentennial Tour.

- This mobile exhibit is just a taste of what awaits visitors to the Museum in Springfield.
- Open 7 days a week except for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day, the Museum has a nominal admission charge, with Library free and open 6 days a week for research and 7 days a week for the exhibits.
- Springfield, Illinois is the Capitol of Illinois. Located 200 miles southwest of Chicago and 90 miles north of St. Louis. The population of Springfield is estimated at around 115,000.
- For more information visit www.abelincolnmuseum.org.

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