



ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S 200TH BIRTHDAY - 2009

FACT SHEET

What: A modern take on the historic Great Central Fair held in Philadelphia in 1864 to support the Union cause. The site of Lincoln's last visit to Pennsylvania before the funeral cortege, the 1864 Fair was the most successful in the country, showcasing the best of the Philadelphia region. In 2009, **Lincoln's Great Fair** will spotlight the "Best Of" contemporary art, culture, heritage, cuisine, business, technology, healthcare and more, with rich experiences for people of all ages. The focus is Lincoln's legacy and its impact on today's world. No one will want to miss this extraordinary exhibition. Discover the best of today while gaining an understanding of and appreciation for an American political hero, a leader worth celebrating for saving these United States. Come, celebrate and experience Lincoln's lasting legacy.

When: May 27-31, 2009

Where: Independence National Historical Park, Philadelphia, PA. Plus, special tours including the Quest for Freedom and such historically important locations as the Johnson House and other regional Underground Railroad sites.

Why: To honor our nation's greatest President, on the very site where the Founders declared Independence...and Lincoln proclaimed: "I would rather be assassinated on this spot than surrender it." Lincoln visited Pennsylvania 14 times. He had strong personal, professional and emotional connections to the region.

WHO: A community collaborative of important stakeholders in the business, cultural and heritage areas and developed in coordination with the PA Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

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