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The California Museum presents

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The California Museum Presents A Library of Congress Exhibition

With Malice Toward None: The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Exhibition

Opens to Public Wednesday, June 24, 2009

On Wednesday, June 24th, The California Museum will open the Library of Congress With Malice Toward None: The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Exhibition to the public. As the nation celebrates the 200th birthday of President Lincoln, this unparalleled exhibition of Lincoln objects has been considered the nation's most inspiring and comprehensive collection of 200 artifacts dedicated to the 16th president. The California Museum is the first of five stops on the national tour and the only stop on the West Coast.

"A collection of this size and magnitude comes along once in every hundred years," said The California Museum Executive Director Claudia French. "What a thrill to bring this once in a lifetime experience to the 38 million people of California and our neighboring states. For people to truly see Lincoln as a person, a politician and a president in one place is phenomenal."

The stirring words of Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address, which call for unity, hope and renewal during times of hardship will be featured alongside the Inaugural Bible President Obama used for his oath of office, the contents of Lincoln's pockets the night he was assassinated and a rare copy of the Emancipation Proclamation written in Lincoln's hand.

Other exhibit items include:

Originals or facsimiles of speeches written by Lincoln, including the Gettysburg Address, his First Inaugural Address, and his Farewell Address at Springfield

Lincoln-Douglass debate scrapbook created by Lincoln

Letters written and received by Lincoln to various friends, generals and the first lady

Original drafts of poetry written by Walt Whitman

Lincoln's autopsy report

Life masks of Lincoln from 1860 and 1865

Lincoln's grammar textbook, which he used to teach himself proper English

As the first of only five institutions nationwide, The California Museum has created programs that will reach out to various audiences throughout the summer.

Wednesday, June 24th: Kitty O'Neal will host a lively discussion on her KFBK show regarding Lincoln's legacy with guest Mayor Kevin Johnson, between 2pm and 3pm.

Saturday, July 11th: Movie Night at the Museum continues for a second summer with Four Score and Second Saturday. Guests will watch a Lincoln-inspired film out in the Courtyard and under the stars. \$1 suggested donation. Begins at 8:30pm.

Monday, July 13th to Saturday, July 18th: Library of Congress education specialists lead the Teacher Institutes: Lincoln's Legacy, to introduce educators to new ways to use primary sources and Web-based content in the classroom. Free one-day workshops.

Saturday, August 1st: All About Abe Family Fun Day. Families will enjoy activities that include re-enactments, Lincoln look-a-like contests, crafts and other entertainment. 10am to 3pm.

Out of town guests will be able to take advantage of travel packages in partnership with Amtrak and two Sacramento hotels: The Inn at Capitol Park and the Hilton-Arden. Check the Museum's website for more details, [CaliforniaMuseum.org](#).

The exhibition closes Saturday, August 22nd. After The California Museum, the exhibition will travel to the Newberry Library in Chicago, the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis, the Atlanta History Center, and The Durham Museum in Omaha, Nebraska.

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"PG&E is proud to support the presentation of such a significant part of America's history," said Nancy McFadden, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs. "Today, we celebrate The California Museum's success in providing this unique and educational exhibit not only to the Sacramento region, but to the entire West Coast."

For more information, visit www.californiamuseum.org/exhibits/upcoming.

About The California Museum

The California Museum -- home of the California Hall of Fame and California Legacy Trails -- is a cultural destination dedicated to telling the rich history of California and its unique influence on the world of ideas, innovation, art and culture. We advance our mission to inspire through educating school children through dynamic exhibits and educational programs, as well as serving as a public forum and international meeting place. The California Museum is located at 1020 O Street, (Corner of 10th Street), downtown Sacramento. For more information 916.653.7524, info@californiamuseum.org, www.CaliforniaMuseum.org.

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