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## **TWENTY-FIVE RENOWNED LINCOLN COLLECTORS** **AND DREAMWORKS STUDIOS JOIN** **REAGAN LIBRARY FOR MAJOR** **ABRAHAM LINCOLN EXHIBIT**

**OBJECTS ON DISPLAY JUNE 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2013, INCLUDE PRESIDENT LINCOLN’S STOVEPIPE HAT, A BLOODIED PILLOW FROM THE NIGHT HE DIED, A LINCOLN-SIGNED EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION, AND SETS FROM DREAMWORKS’ “LINCOLN” MOVIE**

(SIMI VALLEY, Calif.) – Nominated for 12 Academy Awards, the DreamWorks Studios film *Lincoln* swept the nation with its intimate look at one of our nation’s greatest leaders. Now the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum has delved even deeper into the life of our sixteenth president with the help of twenty-five of the country’s most well-known Lincoln collectors, including Louise Taper, Hildene (the Lincoln Family Home), Ford’s Theater, the National Archives, the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History, as well as with DreamWorks Studios.

Running from June 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013, the Reagan Library exhibit, *A. Lincoln: From Railsplitter to Rushmore*, explores the life of Abraham Lincoln, commemorates the Civil War and marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. This extraordinary and engaging special exhibit, featuring over 250 original artifacts on Abraham Lincoln and sets from the Steven Spielberg-directed movie *Lincoln*, is a must-see for everyone.

“At the Reagan Library, not only can visitors walk onboard Air Force One and learn about President Reagan, they can now also take a step back in time and learn of the life and times of another great American president, Abraham Lincoln,” said John Heubusch, executive director of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation. “By combining original artifacts – many not seen often by the public – with sets and costumes from DreamWorks, our exhibit on Lincoln marks the spot where history and

Hollywood come together. As families are planning their summer vacations, they'll have to include the Lincoln exhibit at the Reagan Library."

Highlights of this fascinating and educational exhibit include:

- Abraham Lincoln's stovepipe hat and gold pocket watch
- Mary Todd Lincoln's Bible, jewelry and other personal items
- Abraham Lincoln's earliest childhood writings
- A President Lincoln-signed copy of the Emancipation Proclamation and a President Lincoln-signed copy of the 13th Amendment
- A bloody pillow on which President Lincoln died at the Petersen Boarding House
- A fragment of Abraham Lincoln's coat from Ford's Theatre
- The handwritten personal testimony of Boston Corbett, the man who killed John Wilkes Booth
- An American flag that draped President Lincoln's coffin

In addition to the original documents, artifacts and objects on display, the Reagan Library will be showcasing the costumes and Oscar-winning sets from DreamWorks Studios' *Lincoln* film, including the entire set surrounding President Lincoln's office, portions of Mary Todd Lincoln's vanity set, and portions of Peterson's Boarding House set. Items on display include Oscar-nominated costumes for Mary Todd Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln and Tad Lincoln.

*This exhibit is sponsored by the Lincoln Club of Orange County.*

The Reagan Library is located at 40 Presidential Drive in Simi Valley, California. Public hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The Museum is only closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day. The Museum admission fees are \$16.00 for general admission, \$13.00 for seniors 62 and over, \$10 for children 11-17, \$6 for children 5-10 and free for children 4 years of age and under. Museum exhibit tickets may be pre-purchased at [www.reaganlibrary.com/tickets](http://www.reaganlibrary.com/tickets). For more information, call (800) 410.8354 or visit [www.reaganlibrary.com](http://www.reaganlibrary.com).

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