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Lincoln Returning to the Studebaker National Museum

On Friday February 8, 2008 at 6:00p.m., the newly conserved President Lincoln's Carriage will be unveiled. Gone almost a year, this historic national treasure has returned to the museum. Also that evening the Studebaker Museum will open its newest exhibit, *The Faces of Lincoln*. This event begins the celebration of the bicentennial of President Lincoln's birth.



Abraham Lincoln's carriage was one of the first vehicles to enter the Studebaker Corporation's historical collection and has become one of the Studebaker National Museum's most cherished pieces. The Studebaker National Museum recently received the Save America's Treasure Grant to conserve vehicles and carriages that have been designated national treasures. The museum was the only one in the state of Indiana to receive this grant in 2006. This grant, provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, will help conserve, not restore, eight pieces from the Studebaker National Museum collection. Save America's Treasure Grant was only given to sixty-nine projects within the United States. Brian Howard, the conservator, will be at the event to unveil Lincoln's carriage and give a presentation about the process of conserving the carriage.

February 2008 marks the beginning of a three-year bicentennial celebration of President Lincoln's birth. Studebaker National Museum, in cooperation with the Indiana Historical Society, will be kicking off this celebration with *The Faces of Lincoln* traveling exhibit. This exhibit will be at the Studebaker National Museum from February 8, 2008 through March 9, 2008.

The Faces of Lincoln is a three-part exhibit that is comprised of holdings from the Jack Smith and Daniel R. Weinberg Lincoln collections from the Indiana Historical Society, along with Studebaker National Museum's President Lincoln Carriage to create an informative display designed to chronicle President Abraham Lincoln's life from his early years to his assassination and its aftermath.

The first section of the exhibit takes a look at the history of photography using some of the best and most well-known images of Abraham Lincoln. Part two investigates the ways that photographers, printmakers, and cartoonists tried to influence public opinion about Lincoln by altering his appearance and by placing him in make-believe situations. Viewers of section three are challenged to look closely at the images and try to determine what kind of images and symbols the printmakers used to convey their, and the nation's, feelings toward Abraham Lincoln.

To attend this Lincoln celebration, call Sue Cook at 574-235-9714 to purchase your ticket.

Admission for the museum is \$8.00 for adults, \$6.50 for seniors over 60, and \$5.00 for youth ages 6-18. For more information call the museum at (574)235-9714 or toll free at 1-888-391-5600 or visit our web site at www.studebakermuseum.org.