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## The Abraham Lincoln Institute and Ford's Theatre Society Present *The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Abraham Lincoln Institute Symposium*

**Saturday, March 22, 2025**  
**9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

[Tickets Available Now](#)

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Ford's Theatre Society and the Abraham Lincoln Institute proudly present the return of the **Abraham Lincoln Institute Symposium (ALI) on March 22, 2025 at Ford's Theatre**. In the 2025 symposium, noted authors and historians **Hilary Green, Jon Grinspan, Manisha Sinha, Harold Holzer** and **Michael Vorenberg** will discuss aspects of our 16<sup>th</sup> president's history.

**DRAFT QUOTE for PAUL:** "It is our mission to explore the legacy of Abraham Lincoln through honest and deep conversations about who he was and what he fought for," said **Paul R. Tetreault**, director of Ford's Theatre. "Each year, the symposium facilitates discussions with authors of current works who share our interest in continuing to examine our nation's history and the lessons it holds."

This free full-day symposium is focused on the life, career and legacy of President Abraham Lincoln. **This event is free and open to the public.** Advance registration for tickets is encouraged and available now through March 22, 2025. Day-of tickets will be available on March 22 on a first-come, first-served basis.

The speakers will discuss their most recent works on Abraham Lincoln:

- **Hilary Green:** *Unforgettable Sacrifice: How Black Communities Remembered the Civil War*
- **Jon Grinspan:** *Wide Awake: The Forgotten Force that Elected Lincoln and Spurred the Civil War*
- **Manisha Sinha:** *The Rise and Fall of the Second American Republic, 1860-1920*
- **Harold Holzer:** *Brought Forth on This Continent: Abraham Lincoln and American Immigration*
- **Michael Vorenberg:** *Lincoln's Peace: The Struggle to End the Civil War*

This year, the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Abraham Lincoln Institute Symposium Book Award will be presented to author **Allen Guelzo** for *Our Ancient Faith: Lincoln, Democracy, and the American Experiment*.

[Reserve your tickets](#) now on the Ford's Theatre website. In addition to the speakers, we will hold book signings and opportunity for patrons to explore Lincoln's history with our esteemed guests. Each discussion will conclude with audience questions. Authors will sign books in the Ford's Theatre lobby. Books will be available for purchase at the Ford's Theatre Gift Shop on the day of the symposium.

Every year, Ford's Theatre Society and the Abraham Lincoln Institute collaborate to celebrate and explore the latest in Abraham Lincoln scholarship. To learn more, please visit [www.fords.org/event/abraham-lincoln-institute-symposium](http://www.fords.org/event/abraham-lincoln-institute-symposium).

## Ford's Theatre Society

One of the most visited sites in the nation's capital, Ford's Theatre reopened its doors in 1968, more than a hundred years after the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. Operated through a partnership between Ford's Theatre Society and the National Park Service, Ford's Theatre is the premier destination in the Washington, D.C. to explore and celebrate Abraham Lincoln's life and legacy.

Ford's Theatre Society was founded under the guidance of executive producer **Frankie Hewitt**, who, during her 35-year tenure, established Ford's as a living, working theatre producing performances that highlighted the diversity of the American experience. Since the arrival of **Paul R. Tetreault** as director, critics and the theatre-going public have recognized Ford's for the superior quality of its artistic programming. With works from the Tony-nominated *Come From Away* and the nationally acclaimed *Big River*, to the world premieres of *Meet John Doe*, *The Heavens Are Hung In Black*, *Liberty Smith*, *Necessary Sacrifices*, *The Widow Lincoln*, *The Guard*, *Grace*, and *Something Moving*, Ford's Theatre is making its mark on the American theatre landscape. Under the current leadership of Board of Trustees Chairman **Phebe N. Novakovic** and through the lens of Lincoln's leadership and legacy, Ford's Theatre endeavors today to advance Lincoln's "unfinished work" with programs and performances that cultivate empathy, encourage dialogue and bridge divides in American life.

For more information on Ford's Theatre and the Ford's Theatre Society, please visit [www.fords.org](http://www.fords.org).

## The Abraham Lincoln Institute

The Abraham Lincoln Institute is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting scholarship on the life, times, and legacy of Abraham Lincoln through a free annual symposium, book and dissertation prizes, and a lifetime achievement award. For more information on the Abraham Lincoln Institute, please visit [www.lincoln-institute.org](http://www.lincoln-institute.org).

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