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Abraham Lincoln's Birthday to be Celebrated with Performance of "Lincoln Live"

The Wit and Wisdom of the 16th President Fill This Original One-Man Show

ATLANTA, GA. - The leadership qualities that made Abraham Lincoln one of the nation's most beloved Presidents come to life in a stirring one-man show at the Carter Presidential Library and Museum, Saturday February 12th.

Gene Griessman will perform his original play "*Lincoln Live*" at noon and 2 p.m. on this, the 196th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. The performances are free with each paid admission to the museum. Griessman is the author of *Words Lincoln Lived By* and the audio book, *The Inspirational Words of Abraham Lincoln*. His play has been performed at Ford's Theater, the Georgia Dome and hundreds of conventions and universities.

Griessman's moving interpretation shows the wisdom, humor, and eloquence of the 16th President during critical moments in Lincoln's life. You will revisit Gettysburg and Ford's Theatre with Lincoln. You will learn the lessons he learned about leadership, persistence, communication, and personal achievement.

Last Thanksgiving, standing room only crowds laughed at Lincoln's self-deprecating humor and were touched by Griessman's heartfelt rendition of the Gettysburg Address. Young and old alike got a new appreciation for the qualities that made Lincoln an American icon. Afterward, families and students posed for pictures with "President Lincoln."

In addition to seeing the Presidency through the eyes of Abraham Lincoln, visitors will be able to learn about the modern Presidency. You can step into the Oval Office and learn about the challenges that face each President. You'll gain a new understanding of dealing with terrorism, securing peace in the Middle East and facing rising energy prices.

Historic photographs and documents describe the life and career of President Carter, from his childhood in Plains to becoming the 39th President of the United States. Exquisite State Gifts given to President and Mrs. Carter are on display, as well as the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize awarded to President Carter.

Admission to the Carter Presidential Museum is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors (60 and over), military and students with id. Those 16 years old and under are free. The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. and on Sunday from noon until 4:45 p.m. For more information, call (404) 865-7101 or visit our website at www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov.

Editor's note: Images of Gene Griessman as Lincoln are available upon request.