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\$150,000 pledged in fundraising challenge for Amphitheatre

LINCOLN CITY, IND—With opening night for the 2010 season of LINCOLN just six months away, a matching-funds challenge has been issued by two area supporters.

Dubbed “Lincoln’s Legacy Lives,” the program is designed to raise a total of \$150,000, to be matched by equal amounts from an anonymous donor and Will Koch, the president of the Lincoln Boyhood Drama Association, which produces the play.

“This is a shared responsibility,” Koch says. “Whether you live in Kentucky, Indiana, or Illinois, there’s a hometown pride in the years Abraham Lincoln lived in your state. We hope everyone pulls together to help keep LINCOLN on stage for years to come.”

The “Lincoln’s Legacy Lives” challenge offers a dollar-for-dollar match, up to \$150,000, to be used toward the second season’s production of LINCOLN, a two-act play with music by playwright Ken Jones.

Lincoln Amphitheatre reopened to an audience of nearly 18,000 in 2009 after going dark for three seasons.

“We listened to our community and received lots of great feedback from our guests,” Koch says. “Based on those results, we are working to enhance key scenes in the play. It’s important that our audiences understand how Abraham’s boyhood experiences in Indiana formed his character, which guided him through the Civil War and his presidential years. We hope with this matching-funds challenge that the community will take ownership in the story of LINCOLN.”

Tax-deductible donations may be made online at www.LincolnAmphitheatre.com or by calling 812-937-9730.

LINCOLN will take the stage again on June 18, 2010, and will run nightly with the exception of Mondays until August 7. For more information about tickets to LINCOLN, call Lincoln Amphitheatre at 812-937-9730 or visit www.LincolnAmphitheatre.com.

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