

## THE VOICE OF LINCOLN

The Illinois Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission is seeking the “Voice of Lincoln.” In prepared recordings, the Voice will share the words, actions and writings of Abraham Lincoln to the citizens of Illinois. The scripted words will be created from the Lincoln Log – daily entries now being printed in newspapers around the Land of Lincoln – and provided to the Voice of Lincoln for recordings. The Lincoln Log, a partnership of the Illinois Bicentennial Commission, the Papers of Abraham Lincoln and the Illinois Press Association, is offered free to all newspapers in the state of Illinois.

The person selected as the Voice of Lincoln will represent the stories of Abraham Lincoln’s life and these recordings will be made available to Illinois radio stations in cooperation with the Illinois Broadcasters Association. The selected Voice of Lincoln will not receive any “prize” in the traditional sense, but will, upon selection, volunteer winner’s services to make the described recordings.

If you are interested in becoming the Voice of Lincoln please follow the rules and requirements below.

### HOW TO

- Record the script found on the next page and submit to the Illinois Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission for entry into our search for the Voice of Lincoln.
- Entrants must submit recordings in CD, Cassette or MP3 format (submitted to [hpa.bicentennial@illinois.gov](mailto:hpa.bicentennial@illinois.gov)).
- Entrants must submit recordings by mail to the Coordinator of the Commission, 112 North Sixth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701.
- Entrants must not presently be an on-air radio, television or internet-based broadcaster.
- Entrants will be judged on their representation and interpretation into words of Lincoln’s life.
- Recording must be a minimum of 20 seconds.
- Entries must be received on or before April 15, 2008.

## SCRIPTS – CHOOSE ONE

**On January 18, 1864, I wrote to the Reverend William B. Sprague of Albany, New York in response to his request for my autograph. Rev. Sprague was involved in a fundraiser for which he was putting together an album of presidents' autographs. I sent him the autograph with a note reading "I send you this, for the use of the ladies mentioned, who are laboring for the relief of our sick and wounded soldiers."**

**On February 10, 1861, I spent my last full day in Springfield, Illinois, prior to departing for Washington, D.C. and becoming our nation's 16<sup>th</sup> President. I met with my law partner William H. Herndon in our office, and we ran over the books and arranged for the completion of all unsettled and unfinished matters. While looking at the Lincoln-Herndon law office sign board, I commented to Mr. Herndon, "Let it hang there undisturbed."**

The Commission's selection of the winner of the Voice of Lincoln contest is solely within its discretion; the Commission reserves the right to reject any or all entrants and to select any person who has not entered this contest. By the act of entering the contest, all entrants agree that the Commission's decision is final and binding. By making recordings for the Commission, the winner agrees (1) that winner is acting as a volunteer, (2) that the Commission will own all property rights, including intellectual property rights, in the winner's voice, image and performances to be displayed or promoted as the Voice of Lincoln in recordings for distribution and publication in any existing or future form or forms and in any country or countries by the Commission whether or not in cooperation with the Illinois Broadcasters Association, (3) that recordings may be used in any form and may be disseminated or published, for free or for payment using any existing or future technology, for any purpose in perpetuity, and (4) that winner will fully cooperate in promoting the Voice of Lincoln by furnishing reasonable participation in media interviews and other activities for no fee or other charge. To be eligible to become the winner, such person must agree to enter into and execute a legally binding release agreement in form and substance acceptable to the Commission in its sole discretion.