



## *Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum*

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# Press Release

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### **ABRAHAM LINCOLN 200<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Ann Arbor, Mich... **Celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lincoln's birth at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library with music, theatre, and cake! On Sunday, February 8, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. the Dodworth Saxhorn Band** will kick off the festivities with a concert in the Library's auditorium. Following the concert, will be **Fred and Bonnie Preibe's** performance on Abraham and Mary Lincoln's life. Visitors can enjoy presidential birthday cake while mingling with President Lincoln. The Dodworth Band will close the program with a final performance in the auditorium. **There is no charge for this event.**

The Dodworth Saxhorn band is a re-creation of one of America's first all-brass bands. The original Dodworth Band dominated the New York music scene from 1836 to 1891, performing in concerts, at balls, at social events, at political rallies, and in many U.S. presidential inaugurations. Today's Dodworth Saxhorn Band uses antique brass valved horns and drums built between 1840 and 1880. The ensemble of up to 17 members dresses the part and uses drama, poetry, dance, and audience participation to help bring America's musical past to life.

Fred and Bonnie Preibe won the award for the Best Lincoln Couple of 2001 presented by the Association of Lincoln Presenters. Bonnie won the award for the Best Mary Todd Lincoln that same year. Fred won the award for Best Abraham Lincoln of 2006.

The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library is open 8:45 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Monday-Friday and is closed on Federal Holidays. The Ford Library is located at 1000 Beal Avenue on the North Campus of the University of Michigan. Admission and Parking are free. For information please call (734) 205-0555 or visit us on the web at

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