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ARTISTIC DIRECTOR SELECTED FOR LINCOLN AMPHITHEATRE

LINCOLN CITY, IN ---- A nation-wide search for Lincoln Amphitheatre's artistic director has taken producers full circle, back to southern Indiana, with the selection of an Evansville director, playwright, actor and professor.

"In searching for our artistic director we looked for a professional with the ability to bring Lincoln's years stunningly to life," says Steve Wright, Lincoln Amphitheatre's executive producer. "We found that quality in R. Scott Lank. Scott has the talent and passion to tell the story of Abraham Lincoln and an artistic vision that will captivate and inspire the audience."

A theatre professor at the University of Evansville, Lank is a 21-year veteran of the university's celebrated theatre department. He has a BFA from the University of Evansville and a MFA from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Lank is a member of the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers and the National Congress of Actors and Acting Teachers.

"What we are celebrating is one of the greatest presidents in United States history," says Lank. "I hope that this unique production will not only shine a light on Lincoln's life, but will bring a fresh perspective to outdoor theatre in this country."

Lank's productions have been featured at the Toledo Repertory Theatre, the Lark Theatre, Northern Illinois University, Canadian Stage Company and the University of Evansville. Lank teaches acting and playwriting and has directed more than 60 productions, including many at regional and national levels of the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival.

Lank resides in Evansville with his wife, Janet. Their daughter, Leslie, is a freshman at Butler University.

The world premiere of "Lincoln" will take place in June on the very grounds where Abraham Lincoln grew up. Enhanced by multimedia projections and period music, the story of the man considered by many to be the greatest U.S. president is expected to be a highpoint of the national celebration of the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth. Through Lank's artistic vision, audience members of all ages will gain an insight into the life of the man whose legacy continues to forge the future.

Opening night is scheduled for June 12; tickets for the production will be available this fall. Lincoln Amphitheatre is located in Lincoln State Park in Lincoln City, Indiana. For more information about Lincoln Amphitheatre visit www.LincolnAmphitheatre.com or call 1-800-264-4ABE.

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