

LINCOLN

A New Theatrical Experience

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Emmy-Winning Actor to Portray Frederick Douglas in LINCOLN

LINCOLN CITY, IND. ---- Emmy-winning actor Nikkieli* DeMone will portray abolitionist Frederick Douglas in the premiere season of LINCOLN.

"We are incredibly fortunate to have someone of Nikkieli's caliber in our cast," says the production's Artistic Director, Scott Lank. "His experience in stage, screen and television is quite impressive."

DeMone's theatre credits include Judas in Jesus Christ Superstar, Tom Collins in Rent and John in Miss Saigon. The actor won an Emmy in 1998 for his work in the CBS children's series Magic Door. His commercial work includes McDonald's, Fifth Third Bank, Verizon Cellular, and Sprite.

After his run in LINCOLN, DeMone will head to Broadway to play Donkey in Shrek. He resides in Chicago and New York with his family.

Frederick Douglas was an American abolitionist and a firm believer in equality for all people. President Lincoln has often been quoted as calling Frederick Douglas his friend. DeMone will also play the fictional character of Moses in LINCOLN.

The world premiere of LINCOLN, by playwright Ken Jones, will take place this summer on the very grounds where Abraham Lincoln grew up. Performed in a 1,500-seat, roofed amphitheatre, LINCOLN will leave audiences with a deep understanding of the role Indiana played in forging the character of America's 16th president. Indiana's Lincoln Amphitheatre offers a "Lincoln experience" that includes an Amish-style meal, children's pioneer games, artisan demonstrations, a Lincoln exhibit, plus free popcorn and soft drinks during intermission. Enhanced by multimedia projections, a moveable Broadway-quality set and period music, the production of LINCOLN will give theatre-goers an insight into the life of the man whose legacy continues to impact the future.

The world premiere of LINCOLN is June 12, with shows nightly except Mondays through August 15; tickets are available online or by calling the box office. Lincoln Amphitheatre is located inside Lincoln State Park in Lincoln City, Indiana. For more information about Lincoln Amphitheatre, visit www.LincolnAmphitheatre.com or call 1-800-264-4223.

* Pronounced "nih-KIE-lee"

Editors Note: A headshot of Nikkieli DeMone may be downloaded from Lincoln Amphitheatre's Flickr page at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/27707942@N08/>.

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