

# JUST A BIT OF NOTABLE QUOTES . . .

*"The values which have made us a great nation and people come alive when Mr. Klein's Lincoln strides upon the stage."*

Lt. Gen. Winfield W. Scott  
Superintendent  
U.S.A.F. Academy

*"That was the best, most excellent assembly I've ever had in my life."*

Gregory Robak,  
4th Grade, Lincoln Elementary School,  
Highland Park, Illinois,

*"He could have done better only if we could have cloned him! ... workshops were wonderful, creative, and informative"*

Phil Cudd,  
4<sup>th</sup> U.S. Re-enactors Association  
Hudson, Wisconsin

*"Fritz does an outstanding job for us, and is very well prepared..."*

James Popovich  
Mt. Rushmore National Memorial Society  
Keystone, South Dakota

*"Never in my recollection has a speaker at our organization received a standing ovation until Fritz Klein's appearance..."*

Captain Bruce K. Bell  
Shape Liason Office  
Pentagon

*"Mr. Klein's performances as Lincoln were more impressive than even my highest expectations. I was most impressed with his ability to 'read' the audiences and deliver accordingly. Excellent!"*

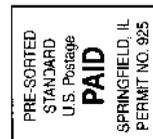
David C. Thomas  
Executive Director  
Southern Illinois Arts Council

*"I know Lloyd (Thaxton) enjoyed his time with you and you certainly are the perfect Abe Lincoln."*

Ian Toporoff  
America's Funniest People,  
Vin Di Bona Productions

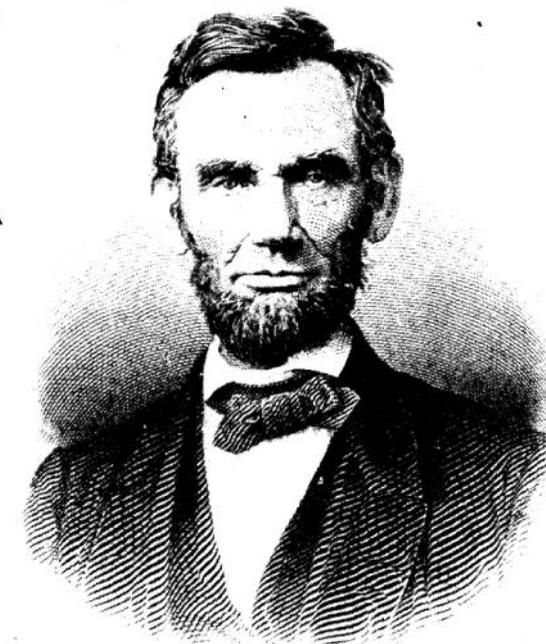
*"Your performance was absolutely outstanding and I was completely mesmerized throughout its duration. I can also relay to you how profoundly moved our attendees were that evening. My telephone has not stopped ringing!"*

Christopher LaMothe,  
President, Indiana Chamber of Commerce.



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**CITIZENS**



**A CALL FROM  
'OLD ABE'**

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are hereby summoned to  
a congress of the general  
public and concerned citizens:

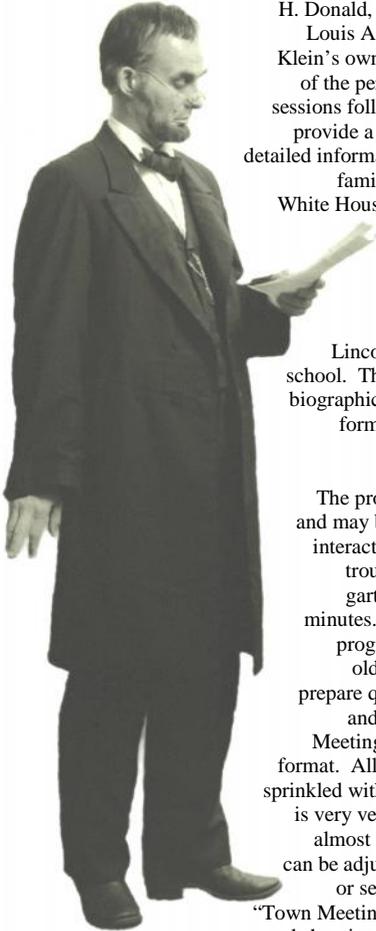
A MESSAGE FROM MR. LINCOLN  
will be given.

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ince 1982 we have been offering living-history school assembly programs in some 35 states, featuring a portrayal of Abraham Lincoln by Richard F. (Fritz) Klein.

Klein's almost shocking likeness to Lincoln and long experience in portraying him to children, make this is a high-quality, realistic, and captivating performance. The program content is well researched, based on the work of scholarly authors such as David H. Donald, Benjamin P. Thomas and Louis A. Warren. And because of Klein's own considerable knowledge of the period, question and answer sessions following the assemblies can provide a wealth of fascinating and detailed information about Lincoln & his family, frontier life, life in the White House, slavery, the Civil War, period politics, food, fun and fashions.



The assemblies are done in first person, as though Lincoln had come to visit your school. The portraits are essentially biographical, but special interactive formats we offer are audience-driven.

The programs are very engaging and may be partially or completely interactive. Klein usually has no trouble holding even Kindergarten's rapt attention for 30 minutes. In longer (35-40 minute) programs for fourth grade and older children, students may prepare questions for the president and take on roles in a "Town Meeting" or "Press Conference" format. All programs are generously sprinkled with humor. The production is very versatile and can take on an almost spontaneous character. It can be adjusted to almost any length or setting. You may include a "Town Meeting" or "Press Conference" workshop into a shorter assembly time.

For smaller groups we have a display of artifacts, reproductions, and antiques that can be used with the presentation. Period toys, an operating telegraph, White House china from the Lincoln administration, all make it seem like a slice of the old days is being served up fresh. (antique/repro items – requires more set-up and break-down time, plus 5% extra on fee)

### Costs

**One Assembly** – (Single program).....\$600.00 TOTAL  
Involves one program plus a short question and answer session in the assembly area afterwards, about one hour total.

**Half Day** – (Same building).....\$870.00 TOTAL

A half-day A.M. from start - 11:30 a.m.  
A half day P.M. from lunch - dismissal.  
May include one or two graded assemblies with short question and answer/classroom sessions, plus extended classroom visits or



workshops if time permits. AM's may include "Breakfast with the President".

**Whole Day** – (Same building)..... \$1300.00 TOTAL  
Bussing in okay. May include one – four assemblies with question and answer/classroom sessions, "Lunch With Lincoln" or workshops as time permits.

### Discounts

- A. Residencies** – (same or different buildings) up to 20% discounts available for bookings of more than one day.
- B. Block Bookings** – up to 20% discounts available for those who secure additional schools for us. Please inquire.
- C. Fall Performance Discounts** – (not applicable to A or B) Subtract 5% for confirmed dates in the Fall. This includes all school programs occurring from Sept 1 to Dec 21.

**Payment** (we ask for a 15% deposit and the balance due on performance day.)

### Also available:

- ⌋ Evening performances for adult/family groups .....\$460
- ⌋ Conference programs for Teacher or Principal groups – ask for a quotation.

### Break-out Sessions:

- a. **Leadership Workshop** grades 4-8
- b. **19<sup>th</sup> Century Toy workshop** grades 2-6  
Simple toys to make, from the Lincoln period
- c. **Town Meeting / Press Conference** grades 4-8  
Period role-playing interview with the President
- d. **Handwriting workshop\*** grades 4-8  
Practice on slates, with pen and ink, in round hand script. Get inspired to have beautiful handwriting!
- e. **1860's Baseball \*** grades 4-6  
Learn about and try baseball from the 1860's with repro equipment, followed by group discussion.
- f. **Music Workshop** grades k-8  
Klein teaches/sings songs Lincoln knew, with guitar.
- g. **Log Cabin Workshop** grades k-4  
"Lincoln" & kids build a 1/6-scale model of the Kentucky birthplace.
- h. **First Person Reports** grades 4-6  
Put together a report on a famous person and present it in first person. (requires a two day residency and previous preparations by teachers.)
- i. **Honesty Workshop** grades 1-8  
Lean about the value of honesty in life
- j. **Lunch With Lincoln\*** grades 1-8  
A hands-on antique and repro display, lunch together
- k. **Breakfast With The President** grades k-5  
Flexible format, White House China, informal

\* Activities marked with an Asterisk\* are for small groups, 20 maximum. All require some additional adult help.

**Please inquire about our new, totally interactive assembly format for upper level students. (4-12)**

### Contact

If you would be interested in having "Mr. Lincoln" come to your school or community, please contact us by letter, e-mail, fax, or telephone.

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**Visit our Website at: [www.LincolnInstitute.com](http://www.LincolnInstitute.com)**

The calendar page will give you an idea of where I have been and where I'm going to be.



### Assembly Size

From our observations, the quality of the large assembly experience begins to diminish if attendance exceeds 250 - 300. Please keep this in mind as you plan. The basic programs are K-3, 4-6, and 7-8. Some variation is fine but keep in mind that they are age-graded.

### Background

Considered one of the nation's foremost Lincoln actors, FRITZ KLEIN makes Lincoln and his period of history come alive to your students in his school performances. Klein was born and raised in Southern California. Graduating in 1970 with a B.A. he married and took up landscaping in Hawaii. He began acting in 1975, in a local historic pageant and seasonal drama. In 1976 he was asked to portray Abraham Lincoln at the Kailua-Kona celebration of the national bicentennial. Since 1980 the Lincoln role has been full-time, taking him to some 35 states for film and television, on stage, and as a motivational speaker. A father of four children, he now resides with his wife Linda in Springfield, Illinois where he gives performances for some of the city's 500,000 annual visitors. From there he also travels to points across the nation on tours, and by special invitation.



### References

References provided upon request. Klein has performed on stage, screen and television, in 35 states, for national historic sites, corporations, non profits, government, military, educational institutions at all levels, and has been acting since 1975. He has been invited to perform in Japan, China, Great Britain, New Zealand, Mexico, and Ireland. Some comments are posted on the web site.