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**Washington, Indiana, resident to portray
President Lincoln in the summer musical *Young Abe Lincoln*
at Lincoln Amphitheatre**

Dean A. Dorrell of Washington, Indiana, will portray President Abraham Lincoln in the summer musical *Young Abe Lincoln* at Lincoln Amphitheatre this summer. Dorrell will replace Macon Ray, who played Lincoln for 13 years and retired after last year's season.

Dorrell has performed on stage in community theatre for 25 years and has been portraying Lincoln for schools, on stage, and in commercials for 5 ½ years. He holds a life membership in the Association of Lincoln Presenters (ALP), a union of men and women organized in 1990 and dedicated to bringing Abraham and Mary Lincoln to life. Through presentations that educate, entertain, and inspire audiences, the ALP honors the words and works of the Lincolns.

Dorrell is a graduate of William Penn College in elementary education. For 15 years he has been a certified vocational evaluator for Four Rivers Resource Services.

Young Abe Lincoln will open at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 22, at Lincoln Amphitheatre in Lincoln State Park. It will show nightly, Wednesday to Sunday, through July 1; after the opening of *The Sound of Music* on Saturday, July 7, the two shows will alternate nightly through August 11. Both shows are produced by the University of Southern Indiana.

Tickets are \$14, adults; \$12, seniors (60+); \$8, child. Sunday is Family Night and tickets are \$8 per person. On opening night, patrons can get \$5 off the price of a ticket by bringing a non-perishable canned food item; food will be given to the Tri-State Food Bank, which serves counties in Kentucky, Illinois, and Indiana.

Lincoln Amphitheatre is located on Highway 162 in Lincoln State Park, five miles south of Interstate 64. More information is available on the Web site at www.lincoln-amphitheatre.com.

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