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LINCOLN COMES TO LIFE IN *TWO MILES A PENNY*

PHILADELPHIA, PA (October 7, 2005) — Actor, playwright and Abraham Lincoln enthusiast, Ed Trotta performs his one man play, *Two Miles a Penny*, at the National Constitution Center as part of *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*. *Two Miles a Penny* takes an intimate, first person look at the life of Abraham Lincoln as well as his feelings on the monuments built in his honor. The play begins its run at the Center on Wednesday, October 5 and occurs again on Friday, October 7; Saturday, October 8; Friday, October 14; and Saturday, October 15 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Moving from the Lincoln Memorial to Mt. Rushmore with various stops along the way, Ed Trotta, as Abraham Lincoln, recounts his life and struggles to the audience with striking honesty and wit. Incorporated throughout the show are personal anecdotes from Lincoln's life, as well as his perspective on the state of America today.

Reviewplays.com reports, "Ed Trotta's Lincoln is an intimate look at a man caught in the dichotomy of living in the most anguished of times, and rising to an unprecedented height of greatness...Trotta doesn't play Abraham Lincoln...he IS Lincoln."

Ed Trotta has appeared on stages and both the large and small screen over the last twenty years. His Broadway and National Tours include *Godspell* and *Hair*, and he has appeared on several television shows and films. Trotta began his tour of *Two Miles a Penny* in Los Angeles and has since performed the piece in four other locations.

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ADD ONE/TWO MILES A PENNY

Two Miles a Penny is showing in conjunction with *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*, the first traveling exhibition being shown at the National Constitution Center.

Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War is a 2,500-square-foot exhibition that highlights the three constitutional crises which Lincoln faced as President – secession, slavery, and civil liberties – during the Civil War. The exhibition is being made possible by a \$1 million grant from Lincoln Financial Group as part of its 100th anniversary celebration.

The Center is open seven days a week, and admission is \$9 for adults and \$7 for seniors ages 62 and up, children ages 4-12, and active military personnel. Children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available. For more information, call 215.409.6600 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

Located at 525 Arch Street on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, the National Constitution Center is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and its relevance to Americans' daily lives. Opened on July 4, 2003, the museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising".

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