



Dear Mr. Thye,

On behalf of the Lincoln Memorial Centennial Committee, we invite the **Desert Vista High School Band** to represent the great state of **Arizona** in the *Lincoln Memorial Centennial Celebration*. *This Historic Program will commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Lincoln Memorial* and will take place in Washington, DC with an "All American Massed Band Salute." Official events will occur on select dates in 2022, including March 26, April 23, and November 12. The band will also have the option of participating in the year-long concert series - American Musical Salute Program, which would allow them to select the date which best fits their requirements.

The Lincoln Memorial is one of the most iconic and majestic monuments in our Nation's Capital. The memorial is uniquely trimmed with the inscription of each state in the nation. It is fitting that these states be represented by an outstanding performing ensemble to act as their state's official musical ambassador on this historic occasion. The memorial houses the statue of *Abraham Lincoln* and the inscription of the *Second Inaugural and Gettysburg addresses*. This memorial was also the site of the historic "*I Have a Dream*" speech delivered by *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* This memorial, more than any other, is a reminder of the strength of a nation built on the foundation of liberty, unity and peace.

Your Marching Band has been nominated by our selection committee. We commend you on your commitment to your students and community. You are recognized as an outstanding music educator who enjoys the admiration and respect of your students as well as your peers in music education.

If it is determined that the band will be in a position to accept the honor of this invitation, we request that you complete and return the application form within the next two weeks so we can begin the process of registering the band. If the band is unable to attend, we would also appreciate hearing from you so we can begin the process of selecting an alternate group to represent your state.

Please feel free to contact our committee if you have any questions or need additional information.

Congratulations on your selection and we wish you and your outstanding marching band continued success,

Respectfully,

Joel H Biggs

Chairman – Historic Programs - Lincoln Memorial Centennial Committee



On Behalf of the

The Lincoln Memorial Centennial Committee, it becomes our

Privilege and High Honor to invite

THE DESERT VISTA HS BAND

To Represent the Great State of

ARIZONA

On the Occasion of the Commemoration

of the

**100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF
THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL**

In our Nation's Capital City

Washington DC

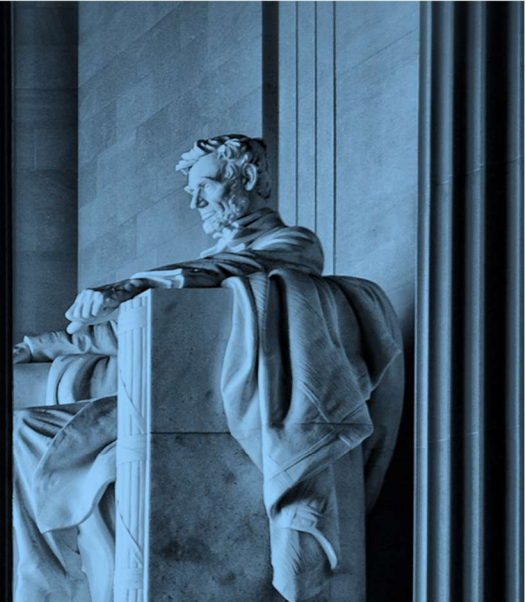
2022



FOUR SCORE AND SEVEN YEARS AGO OUR FATHERS BROUGHT FORTH ON THIS CONTINENT A NEW NATION, CONCEIVED IN LIBERTY, AND DEDICATED TO THE PROPOSITION THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL.

NOW WE ARE ENGAGED IN A GREAT CIVIL WAR, TESTING WHETHER THAT NATION, OR ANY NATION SO CONCEIVED AND SO DEDICATED, CAN LONG ENDURE. WE ARE MET ON A BATTLE-FIELD, AND WE ARE HERE TO DEDICATE A PORTION OF THAT BATTLE-FIELD AS A RESTING PLACE FOR SOME WHO HERE GAVE THEIR LIVES THAT THIS NATION MIGHT LIVE. IT IS ALTOGETHER FITTING AND PROPER THAT WE SHOULD DO THIS.

BUT, IN A LARGER SENSE, WE CAN NOT DEDICATE – WE CAN NOT CONSECRATE – WE CAN NOT HALLOW – THIS GROUND, THE BATTLE-FIELD ON WHICH OUR FATHERS STRUGGLED AND WE HERE HAVE CONSECRATED IT, FAR ABOVE OUR POOR POWER TO EXALT OR DETRACT. THE WORLD WILL LITTLE NOTE THE GROUND ON WHICH WE STAND, BUT IT CAN NEVER FORGET WHAT THEY DID HERE. IT IS THE LIVING RATHER THAN THE DEAD WHO ARE DEDICATED HERE TO THE UNFINISHED WORK WHICH THEY SO NOBLY FOUGHT HERE. WE ARE HERE, THUS FAR SO NOBLY ADVANCED, IT IS RATHER OUR TASK TO BE DEDICATED TO THE GREAT TASK REMAINING BEFORE US – THAT FROM THE MOUNTAIN OF DEATH WE TAKE INCREASED DEVOTION TO THAT CAUSE FOR WHICH THEY GAVE US SUCH FULL MEASURE OF LIFE – THAT WE HERE HIGHLY RESOLVE THAT THESE DEAD SHALL NOT HAVE DIED IN VAIN – THAT THIS NATION, UNDER GOD, SHALL STAND AS A LAND OF FREEDOM – THAT THIS GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE, SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH.



LINCOLN MEMORIAL CENTENNIAL – SAMPLE EVENT SCHEDULE

Day 1 - Arrival

- Arrive in Washington, D.C. Meet your tour manager at the Capitol Visitor's Center and enjoy a scheduled tour of the **US Capitol Building**
- Check into your first-class hotel
- Dinner (on own)
- Evening at leisure to recover from the journey



Lincoln Memorial Statue Construction (1920)

Day 2 – Ford’s Theater

- Breakfast provided
- Tour of **Ford’s Theater** and the **Peterson House**
- Lunch at Union Station (on own)
- Afternoon to tour Smithsonian Museums and other attractions: National Museum of African American History, Air and Space Museum, Natural History Museum, American History Museum, National Gallery of Art, National Archives
- Dinner (on own)
- “Washington by Night” guided tour: **Washington Monument, FDR Memorial, Einstein Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Korean Memorial, World War II Memorial, MLK Memorial**
- Return to hotel for overnight



Lincoln Memorial Dedication (1922)

Day 3 – Lincoln Memorial Centennial

- Breakfast provided
- **Lincoln Memorial Centennial Commemoration and Concert**, featuring a ceremony and performance at the **Lincoln Memorial**
- Lunch (on own)
- Afternoon guided tour of **Arlington National Cemetery: Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Kennedy Gravesites, Robert E. Lee Memorial, Challenger Space Shuttle Crew Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial**
- Evening to wrap up the event with a **Banquet Dinner Cruise** on the Potomac River



“I Have a Dream” – Martin Luther King, Jr (1963)

Day 4 - Departure

- Breakfast provided
- Morning optional sightseeing, such as **National Zoo** or **Holocaust Museum**
- Lunch on own
- Depart for home



Lincoln Memorial (today)