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The Conspirator **A Film Showing and Discussion**

PROGRAM: *“That’s the last speech he will ever make’: The Assassination of President Abraham Lincoln”* Lecture and Film Viewing of *The Conspirator*

DATE: 2:00 p.m., Sunday, January 8, 2012

LOCATION: East Tennessee History Center
601 South Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

ADMISSION: FREE | and open to the public

Knoxville, Tennessee— Join the East Tennessee Historical Society and the Knox County Public Library for a special showing of *The Conspirator* (2010), with commentary provided by Lincoln scholar, William E. Hardy.

From a plot to kidnap Abraham Lincoln to widespread conspiracy to assassinate the president, in his talk “That’s the last speech he will ever make’: The Assassination of President Abraham Lincoln,” Lincoln Memorial University adjunct professor William E. Hardy will place Lincoln’s murder in the context of a series of interconnected events that led to this nation’s gravest cataclysmic event. Hardy will examine the events and cast of characters surrounding Lincoln’s death, focusing on an often ignored speech – Lincoln’s last – that led directly to his assassination and dramatically altered the course of American history.

Starring James McAvoy, Tom Wilkinson, and Robin Wright, *The Conspirator* follows the story of Mary Surratt, the lone female charged as a co-conspirator in the assassination trial of President Lincoln. As the whole nation turns against her, she is forced to rely on her reluctant lawyer to uncover the truth and save her life.

The lecture is a part of a series of programs, book discussions and brown bag lectures accompanying the feature exhibition *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War* at the Museum of East Tennessee History through January 13, 2012 and co-sponsored by the East Tennessee Historical Society and the Knox County Public Library. Admission to the Lincoln exhibition and also the museum’s feature exhibition *Voices of the Land: The People of East Tennessee* is free during the run of the Lincoln exhibit.

The Museum of East Tennessee History is operated by the East Tennessee Historical Society and is located in the East Tennessee History Center at 601 South Gay Street in downtown Knoxville across from the Tennessee Theatre. For more information about this event, please contact ETHS by calling 865-215-8824 or email eths@eastTNhistory.org.

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