



Just for Teaching American History Grant Recipients

Working with the U.S. Department of Education and feedback from previous TAH grant groups, Ford's Theatre Education staff have determined that the following programs serve TAH groups well. We also encourage you to consider pairing a visit to Ford's Theatre with a visit to any of the following sites: President Lincoln's Cottage (www.lincolncottage.org), Tudor Place Historic House and Garden (www.tudorplace.org) or the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site (www.nps.gov/frdo). We all work closely together and would be happy to help plan your visit and design programming that is best for your group.

Visiting Ford's Theatre and the Ford's Theatre Museum

A visit to the Ford's Theatre National Historic Site typically includes a presentation by either the National Park Service or Ford's Theatre Society in the Theatre, and a visit to the Petersen House. Some entries also include the museum on the lower level. Groups should allot approximately an hour for their visit. Groups who are doing both the Theatre and Museum should allot at least an hour and a half for their visit.

ACT ONE

Ford's Theatre Museum

At certain times of the day, visitors to the historic site can begin their visit by walking through the newly renovated museum. The Ford's Theatre Museum combines a remarkable collection of historic artifacts with background on the Civil War and 1860s Washington.

ACT TWO

Ranger Interpretive Program

National Park Service rangers offer interpretive talks about the assassination of Abraham Lincoln a number of times on regular visit days. These programs last approximately 30 minutes.

OR

One Destiny, a History Play

During certain times of the year, Ford's Theatre Society presents a one-act play that tells of the events of April 14, 1865. *One Destiny*, by Richard Hellenes, portrays President Lincoln's assassination through the eyes of Harry Ford and Harry Hawk, two men who were in the theatre that night.

ACT THREE

The House Where Lincoln Died

Following a program in the Theatre, visitors may proceed across the street to the Petersen House, where Lincoln died. After the shooting, President Lincoln was carried to the Petersen House and tended to in a back bedroom until his death hours later. Here, visitors can learn more about that fateful night and the people who surrounded the President in his final hours. All visits include entry to the Petersen House.

Ford's Theatre and Museum use a TIMED ENTRY admission policy.
We encourage you to reserve entry tickets in advance.

For groups of 20 or more, advanced reservation timed entry tickets that include the one-act play, *One Destiny*, are \$5.00 per ticket plus a convenience fee of \$2.50. All other advanced reservation timed entry tickets are \$1.25 for groups of 20 or more. For more information contact the Group Sales Office by calling 202-638-2367 or by emailing groups@fords.org. Groups can also reserve tickets through Ticketmaster by calling 202-397-SEAT or visiting www.fords.org. A limited number of tickets will be held *free of charge*, to be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis to day-of visitors. There is a distribution limit of six (6) tickets per person for museum entry times.

Not all entry times include museum entry. Visitors are urged to check the daily schedule at www.fords.org.

History on Foot: Walks through Civil War Washington

These dramatic, interpretive walks take place regularly during the week, although your group may also request a private walk to fit your schedule. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$12 per person for groups of 20 or more. The flat fee for a private walk is \$600 for up to 40 people.



Danielle Drakes as Elizabeth Keckly, Photo by Mark Ramont

Join Elizabeth Keckly, free black woman, and confidante to Mrs. Lincoln, as she tells the story of her friendship with the Lincoln family and of her efforts to help former slaves find their way in the newly free city of Washington. This tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and the distance walked is about 1.5 miles.

Investigation: Detective McDevitt by Richard Hellesen
Join Detective McDevitt to revisit and reexamine the sites and clues that separate fact from fiction in a first-hand look at the investigation into the Lincoln Assassination Conspiracy and the events of April 14 and 15, 1865. Investigation: Detective McDevitt lasts approximately 2 hours and makes at least eight stops throughout the story. The distance walked is approximately 1.4 miles from Ford's Theatre to the White House, an easy walk to follow the most exciting night in our nation's history!

A Free Black Woman: Elizabeth Keckly by Jennifer L. Nelson

Primary Source Workshops: Lincoln's Oratory

After visiting the Museum and Theatre, teacher groups may choose to adjourn to the Ford's Theatre Center for Education and Leadership to meet with a Theatre educator to debrief about their experience. This discussion is then followed by a 60-minute interactive workshop using performance and close reading to understand President Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address, which sheds light on the President's intentions at the end of the Civil War and helps us understand why he was shot.

Workshop fee is \$300 for up to 25 people.



Civil War Washington Teacher Fellows 2009. Photo by Mark Ramont

To plan a TAH group visit,
Contact education@fords.org, or (202) 434-9537