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LINCOLN Wardrobe Exhibit Opens in Petersburg

Academy Award-nominated, Wardrobe Designer Joanna Johnston will formally “open” an exhibit of costumes she designed for the blockbuster film, **LINCOLN**, on Saturday, April 27, at 4:00pm, at Petersburg’s Centre Hill Museum, the 1823 mansion built by Virginia’s prominent Bolling family. The exhibit will feature the rare opportunity for the public to meet Ms. Johnston and hear, first-hand, the compelling details which resulted in the spectacular wardrobe she developed for **LINCOLN**, which was filmed in Petersburg and Richmond. Select costumes which relate to the 1865 visit by President Abraham Lincoln to Petersburg’s historic Centre Hill Mansion will be featured in the very rooms visited by the Lincoln party. “It is an honor to have Ms. Johnston return to our historic city for the debut of the first nationwide exhibit of the **LINCOLN** wardrobe, and to be a part of a weekend promoting both the actual visits by President Lincoln and his family, and the filming of **LINCOLN** by Director Steven Spielberg”, says Petersburg Mayor Brian A. Moore.

Ms. Johnston began her film career in wardrobe design in 1978 assisting another designer on Steven Spielberg’s *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*, and first designed for the film, *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*. Her “Wardrobe Design” resume, includes: *Munich, Forrest Gump, Back to the Future Part II, Back to the Future Part III, Death Becomes Her, Cast Away, The Polar Express, Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, Saving Private Ryan, War of the Worlds, The Sixth Sense, and War Horse*.

The weekend of Ms. Johnston’s visit is appropriately titled: “**History & Hollywood—Lincoln Weekend**,” states Kevin Kirby, Cultural Affairs Manager for Petersburg, “and includes a number of additional, **LINCOLN** and Lincoln-related tours and activities in the Petersburg region.” For details on the weekend activities, or to purchase tickets to attend the “Wardrobe Exhibit,” please contact the Petersburg Visitor Center located at 19 Bollingbrook Street, in Petersburg or call (804) 733-2400. Wardrobe Exhibit tickets are \$20 for the limited-seating event, and include a private reception with Ms. Johnston, beginning at 5:30pm at the historic McIlwaine House. The McIlwaine House was used in **LINCOLN**, and actor Daniel Day-Lewis stayed there while in Petersburg. The full weekend “Schedule of Activities” is available via www.petersburgarea.org. The Exhibit continues from April 28 through July 27, 2013 with Regular Admission to Centre Hill Museum at \$10.

Centre Hill Mansion – 1 Centre Hill Court, Petersburg VA 23803

McIlwaine House – 425 Cockade Alley, Petersburg VA 23803