



## Sesquicentennial of the Emancipation Proclamation

*Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Subcommittee*

### Dr. Ronald Carey's Talking Points

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

- The Education Subcommittee of the Music Work Group, on behalf of the Commission, invited students in grades K-12 to participate in the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation by submitting artwork reflecting the theme "*Emancipation Proclamation: Out of Bondage...Into Freedom.*" The categories for entry were visual arts, language arts, and artistic expression.
- We received 169 entries from students in public, private, and home schools throughout the Commonwealth.
- School divisions represented were: the Cities of Alexandria, Chesapeake, Fredericksburg, Lynchburg, Richmond, Williamsburg, Winchester, and the Counties of Arlington, Brunswick, Caroline, Chesterfield, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Hanover, Loudoun, Madison, Montgomery, Nottoway, Stafford, and York.
- All of the artwork was digitized as a courtesy of the Richmond CenterStage production staff.
- The Division of Legislative Automated Systems created an art gallery for the artwork on the Commission's website.
- The artwork will remain on the website for the duration of the commemorative period until December 2015.
- Letters have been written to all teachers, and principals and division superintendents have been copied, expressing the Commission's appreciation for their participation and support of the contest.
- A certificate awaiting the signatures of the Commission Chairman and Vice Chairwoman has been produced for each student and will be mailed to the student's teacher by the end of May 2013.
- A final destination for the artwork needs to be found. Artwork belonging to students in Richmond Public Schools has been returned to school officials.

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