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Virginia Historical Society Holding *Lincoln* Movie Memorabilia Collection Drive Event Takes Place During VCU Southern Film Festival Free Screening of “The Making of *Lincoln*” Documentary

Richmond, VA—On Saturday, February 9, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., the Virginia Historical Society (VHS) is hosting the first public screening of “The Making of *Lincoln*.” This documentary—one of the five films that make up the 2013 Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Southern Film Festival—gives a behind-the-scenes look at *Lincoln*, the award-winning feature film by Steven Spielberg that focuses on President Abraham Lincoln’s role in the abolition of slavery. After the screening, members of the production team will participate in a panel discussion about the feature.

In addition to showing the documentary, the VHS will be holding a *Lincoln* movie memorabilia collection drive during the event. Cast and crew are encouraged to bring a special item related to their role in the film. Staff will be on hand to discuss potential donations that could be added to the more than 8.5 million objects currently in the VHS collection.

“We came up with the idea of doing a memorabilia collection drive during the film festival event after we serendipitously received a *Lincoln* movie poster signed by Doris Kearns-Goodwin, Steven Spielberg, and Tony Kushner during their appearance at the Richmond Forum,” said Andrew Talkov, VHS Head of Program Development. “Because so many people in central Virginia were involved with the film or have connections to the movie, we expect a large crowd for this event. We hope to get some interesting movie-related items for the collection.”

Visitors will also be able to view the never-before-seen recently donated *Lincoln* movie poster during the film festival event. The screening at the VHS is free and open to the public. Seating is first come, first served.

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For more than 180 years, the **Virginia Historical Society** (VHS) has been connecting people to America’s past through the unparalleled story of Virginia. The VHS—a history museum and research library—features award-winning exhibitions that are entertaining and educational for visitors of all ages. The Society is the only museum with all of Virginia’s history under one roof—all centuries, all regions, and all topics are covered. Although designated the Official State Historical Society, the VHS is a privately funded non-profit organization that relies on contributions from individuals, corporations, and foundations to sustain its operations. The VHS is located at 428 North Boulevard in Richmond’s Museum District. Admission is free. Museum hours are Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m.–5 p.m. Library hours are Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. For more information, call (804) 358-4901, visit www.vahistorical.org, or find the VHS on Facebook and Twitter.

Founded in 2010 to explore how the distinctiveness of the South has been portrayed on screen, the **Virginia Commonwealth University Southern Film Festival** brings together films and those involved in their making with constructive commentary. The focus of the 2013 film festival is Southern Freedom. Sponsors include VCU College of Humanities and Sciences, Virginia Historical Society, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, VCU Department of English, VCU Department of Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies, VCU Department of History, VCU Dance, and Cous Cous. For the full schedule of events, visit <http://wp.vcu.edu/sff/>.

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