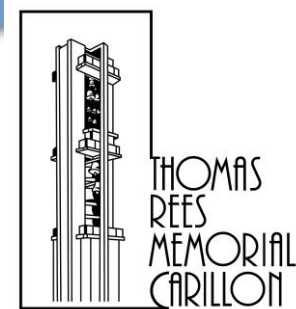


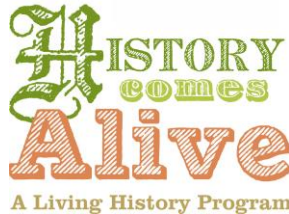


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HISTORY COMES ALIVE AT REES CARILLON CONCERTS THIS SUMMER

[Springfield, IL] – Come to Washington Park on Wednesday evening this summer to hear carillon performances of Lincoln era music. The concerts are free and open to the public. The first concert is June 4, 2014 at 7:45 pm and is the opening night concert of the 53rd International Carillon Festival. The remaining summer Lincoln era concert series, from June 11 – September 24, will begin at 7:00 pm. Concert attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy music Lincoln loved and interact with living history interpreters portraying the people of Springfield from Lincoln's time.

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[The Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon](#) and the [Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition](#) are delighted to announce this first collaboration presenting **Lincoln and the Music He Loved** – free, weekly Carillon Concerts, featuring Lincoln's favorite music along with living history presenters, in full period costume, from the very popular [History Comes Alive](#) program.

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The first program, Wednesday, June 4 at 7:45 pm, kicks off the **53rd International Carillon Festival** (June 4 – 8). Park District carillonneur Robin Austin is joined by soprano Gailyn Draper and tenor Jerry Hicks. This first **Lincoln and the Music He Loved** concert will be narrated by Christian McWhirter, author of the new book, [Battle Hymns: The Power and Popularity of Music of the Civil War](#). Christian serves as assistant editor of The Papers of Abraham Lincoln at the Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Thanks to the support of the Looking for Lincoln Coalition, there will be a special appearance by Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln from the History Comes Alive program.

From June 11 – September 24, **Lincoln and the Music He Loved** continues with free, weekly Carillon concerts, beginning at 7:00 pm. Again, thanks to the support of the Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalitions, the public will have the opportunity to interact with living history presenters, in full period costume, from the History Comes Alive program. Carillon tours are available beginning at 6:30 pm. Concerts are free (rain or shine). Tours are \$3.50 for adults and \$2.75 for children.

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