



Ford's Theatre Education

Strengthening teaching and learning about Lincoln, both locally and nationwide.

Onsite Learning Programs

Ford's Theatre Society provides museum and performing arts-based learning opportunities for local students. These programs are offered for free to D.C. public and charter schools and Title I schools in Virginia and Maryland.



5,110 students received free field trips to the Ford's Theatre Museum and Historic Site.



1,553 students attended matinee performances of our theatrical productions.



387 students performed speeches by Abraham Lincoln on the historic Ford's Theatre stage as participants in the annual Oratory Festival, following residencies with Ford's Theatre Teaching Artists.

Teacher Professional Development

Ford's Theatre Society trains teachers to utilize primary historical resources and oratory to enhance their classroom instruction and improve their students' learning outcomes.



69 educators from across the country participated in Catherine B. Reynolds Foundation Civil War Washington and The Seat of War and Peace Summer Programs, week-long experiences that supplied them with the knowledge and resources to teach about Abraham Lincoln's leadership and legacy and the Civil War. Those educators shared their learned knowledge with more than **3,450** students last year.



30 educators partnered with Ford's Theatre to participate in the National Oratory Fellows program. Collectively, they provided oratory-integrated instruction for **3,122** students.

"Ford's Theatre has become an integral part of my classroom and teaching. I have grown as a teacher and my students' education has been enriched through my work with Ford's. It has been the highlight of my teaching career."

-National Oratory Master Fellow, Wichita, KS



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To offer equitable access to all our onsite education programs, Ford's Theatre provided **105** free buses to transport **3,576** local students to field trips and matinee performances.



A local class tweeted their appreciation following a field trip to Ford's Theatre.



Ford's Theatre Society has partnered with teachers in all **50** states.



Digital Learning Resources

The Ford's Theatre education department maintains a robust online presence to extend learning opportunities to classrooms around the country that are unable to visit the historic site or museum in person.



Remembering Lincoln

This primary source learning site welcomed **19,385** users (with 70,320 page views) to explore personal responses to Lincoln's untimely death.



Lesson Plans

Ford's Theatre offers more than **25** lessons and resources to help teachers across the United States better teach Lincoln's legacy, the Civil War, oratory and theatre.



Virtual Field Trip

112,850 students and teachers viewed this interactive tour of Ford's, which includes an engaging social media conversation.

Research and Evaluation

This year, we completed a three-year evaluation of the Summer Teacher Programs led by George Washington University researchers. Not only did the report provide us with useful information for growing these programs in the future, but it also showed how successful these programs have become.



99% of teachers demonstrated increased history knowledge.



93% of teachers reported increased effectiveness in applying new teaching skills.



The greatest growth in effectiveness was teachers' ability to teach the legacy of Abraham Lincoln.

Ford's Theatre education programs appear in newspapers across the country!



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"Ford's Theatre ... encourages learning professionals to embrace Lincoln's legacy and carry on his excellence in oratory."

- *The Homer Horizon*
Homer Glen, IL



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"Ford's Theatre is finding and preparing the next American orators."

- *The Fairfax County Times*
Fairfax, VA



Photo by Rick Bleemel.

"[The Ford's Theatre Lincoln Online Oratory Program]... prepares students for public speaking, builds confidence and makes connections to primary source materials."

- *The Chicago Tribune*
Chicago, IL