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FORD'S THEATRE SOCIETY ANNOUNCES SUMMER 2019 PROGRAMMING

***One Destiny* performances are June 4 to July 6, and July 11, 2019**

***History on Foot* walking tours continue through October 26, 2019**

Washington, D.C. – Ford's Theatre Society announced that summer 2019 programming will include performances of the popular one-act play *One Destiny* and the continuation of *History on Foot* walking tours, *Investigation: Detective McDevitt*, led by costumed actors. Tickets for both events are available for purchase at www.fords.org or in person at the Ford's Theatre box office (511 Tenth Street NW).

One Destiny and *Investigation: Detective McDevitt* are long-standing staples in Ford's Theatre programming. *One Destiny* celebrates **1,400 performances on June 4, 2019**. During its 13-year run, the play has also been performed in local schools and at the White House. *Investigation: Detective McDevitt* celebrates **1,000 performances in fall of 2019**. Both programs were honored with *The Washington Post* Award for Innovative Leadership in the Theatre Community in 2011.

In the one-act play *One Destiny*, 1860s actor Harry Hawk and Ford's Theatre co-owner Harry Ford revisit the events of April 14, 1865. As they reconstruct the sequence of events at Ford's Theatre the day of the Lincoln assassination, they grapple with the question: Could John Wilkes Booth have been stopped?

In the interactive *History on Foot* walking tour *Investigation: Detective McDevitt*, attendees trace the events leading up to Abraham Lincoln's assassination at Ford's Theatre and visit locations in downtown Washington, D.C., where John Wilkes Booth and his co-conspirators attempted to bring down Lincoln's Cabinet. Comfortable shoes are recommended for tours, which begin outside of Ford's Theatre and travel approximately 1.6 miles.

One Destiny

By Richard Helleesen; Directed by Mark Ramont

June 4-July 6 and July 11, 2019

Learn about Lincoln's assassination from two men who were there. This 35-minute one-act play at Ford's Theatre explores the key facts of the assassination while capturing the emotions of that fateful night. Featuring costumed actors.

Performances of *One Destiny*

Summer *One Destiny* performances begin 15 minutes after entry to the theatre. Performances are Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays through Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. There are two performances Monday, July 1 at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. No performances are scheduled on July 4. One performance is scheduled for July 11 at 11:30 a.m.

Tickets for *One Destiny*

Tickets are required for all performances of *One Destiny*. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$5 the day of the performance. Tickets can be reserved by calling (888) 616-0270 or by visiting www.fords.org. Groups of 10 or more may reserve discounted tickets by calling (202) 638-2367.

History on Foot Walking Tours

Investigation: Detective McDevitt

By Richard Hellesen; Directed by Mark Ramont

Through October 26, 2019

Join Detective McDevitt as he re-visits and re-examines the sites and clues surrounding the assassination of our nation's 16th president. This tour occurs rain or shine and lasts approximately two hours. The distance walked is 1.6 miles from outside of Ford's Theatre to the White House. History on Foot tours do not include entrance into Ford's Theatre. Please wear comfortable shoes.

Investigation: Detective McDevitt Tours

Tours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 6:45 p.m. (except July 4, which begins at 10:15 a.m.). Starting September 7, tours are Saturdays at 10:15 a.m.

Tickets to *Investigation: Detective McDevitt*

Tickets to *Investigation: Detective McDevitt* are \$18 and can be reserved by calling (888) 616-0270 or by visiting www.fords.org. Groups of 10 or more may reserve discounted tickets by calling the Ford's Theatre Group Sales office at (202) 638-2367.

Private Tours of *Investigation: Detective McDevitt*

Private tours of *Investigation: Detective McDevitt* are available by request and based on availability. There is a flat fee of \$720 for a private tour for a group of two to 40 people. To arrange a private tour, call the Ford's Theatre Group Sales office at (202) 638-2367.

Virtual *Investigation: Detective McDevitt*

Virtual *Investigation: Detective McDevitt* tours are offered throughout the year using video conferencing. This program lasts 60 minutes and is available for any group, including local libraries, senior centers and classrooms grades 3 and up. Virtual *McDevitt* tours are \$125 per session and can be reserved at www.fieldtripzoom.com/program-provider/fords-theater/.

Ford's Theatre Society

One of the most visited sites in the nation's capital, Ford's Theatre reopened its doors in 1968, more than a hundred years after the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. Operated through a partnership between Ford's Theatre Society and the National Park Service, Ford's Theatre is the premier destination in the nation's capital to explore and celebrate Abraham Lincoln's ideals and leadership principles: courage, integrity, tolerance, equality and creative expression.

For more information on Ford's Theatre and the Ford's Theatre Society, please visit www.fords.org.

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