

November 24, 2003

To whom it may concern,

I am a P.T.O. representative for assemblies at Deer Path Elementary in Cary, IL. We had *With Lincoln Productions* at our school all day on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2003 and I feel compelled to write a letter of recommendation on their behalf.

To put it succinctly, they were fabulous!

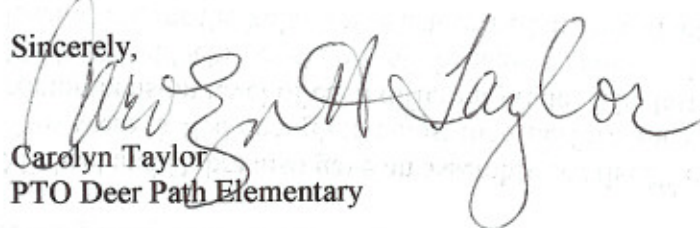
Before they even arrived, Michael Krebs worked closely with me to craft the most successful day possible for all our grades, K-4. With his advice we had Michael and Debra visit 10 classrooms of K-2 for 15 minutes each. The reaction from the kids was awe mixed with laughter. The students were entranced from the moment the Lincolns walked in until they left. Even with such a short amount of time, Michael and Debra were able to educate, entertain and thoughtfully answer all their questions – from the childishy bizarre to the smarter and more pointedly challenging. Because they put a fresh spin on each performance by playing off of the children, I left each of the 10 visits feeling entertained and having learned something a bit new.

Michael and Debra also gave an assembly for the 3rd grade and another for the 4th grade. They were skilled enough to adjust their performances to meet the attention and comprehension level of each different grade. The last half of their assemblies in which Michael and Debra come out of character to answer the students' questions was the most fascinating for the kids. I was astonished at how much they knew of their characters and learned more interesting facts about the Lincolns than I have ever read and retained from the history books. At the end of their hour, the 3rd graders did not want to leave and crowded around Michael to ask him more questions!

I received many compliments from the teachers on our Lincoln Day. More importantly, I received many thanks and compliments from the students themselves!

I would encourage any school to invite *With Lincoln Productions* to their school for an entertaining and educational assembly – a tough combination to find!

Sincerely,



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April 27, 2000

To whom it may concern,

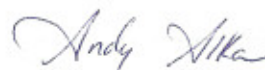
It gives me great pleasure to write a letter on behalf of Michael Krebs. His character re-enactment of Abraham Lincoln is one that continually amazes me. I use the word continually because I have seen his performance five times now. Mr. Krebs brings an enthusiastic portrayal that is second to none. He captivates his audience with a genuine charm and easy going style that seems to be what the former President possessed himself.

Mr. Krebs proves time and again that he has done his research on Mr. Lincoln. By incorporating Mary Todd into his performance he gives a spine-tingling look at some of the inward thoughts and feelings that the President surely had. Mr. Krebs is an absolute must to have in any discussion regarding President Lincoln.

The portrayal of President Lincoln by Mr. Krebs is one that is requested year in and year out by our staff. He leaves a lasting impression on the students and staff that makes you want to ask more questions and conduct research for yourself.

As I mentioned earlier I have seen Mr. Krebs five times now and you can bet he will be reserved to speak at my school again next year. I would be more than happy to speak with anyone regarding Mr. Krebs and his outstanding portrayal.

Sincerely,



Andrew C. Alka
Asst. Principal





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The Forum for America's Ideas

September 24, 2001

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Dear Michael:

The words "thank you" seem inadequate to describe my appreciation for your presentation at the National Conference of State Legislatures' Annual Meeting in San Antonio. NCSL takes great pride in providing a content-rich and quality program to its delegates. Your presentation clearly met -- and exceeded -- that standard. I appreciate all of time and effort you took preparing for and delivering your presentation.

"Abraham Lincoln: From State Legislator to President," as you could clearly see, was one of our more popular sessions. Each year NCSL tries to target the best issues for our Annual Meeting and the best people to present on those issues. As an expert in Mr. Lincoln, you provided our members with valuable insight that they will take back to their states as they consider future action.

By all accounts, NCSL's Annual Meeting 2001 in San Antonio was a success. More than 7,000 people attended the conference and many have sent us compliments on the program's content. Success depends on those working with you and the amazing skills they harness. You helped solidify NCSL's reputation as the "Forum for America's Ideas," and for that I thank you.

I enjoyed working with you and I hope our paths cross again in the future. Please let me know if I can ever be of any assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Gene Rose
Public Affairs Director
Denver Office

PRAIRIE SCHOOL PTO

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February 5, 2004


Dear Michael and Debra,

I wanted to thank you again for the outstanding performance you gave at Prairie School last week. The students and staff are still talking about it—and that is quite an accomplishment!

Following your performance I spoke with many of the teachers who were not only impressed with your vast historical knowledge of the Lincolns but thoroughly charmed by the personality and liveliness you brought to these remarkable figures. They were thrilled to see history come to life for our students.

I hope to continue as the Cultural Arts Chair for our PTO next year and if I do I look forward to, perhaps, working with the two of you again. It was truly one of the most enjoyable performances we've had at our school in recent years and you were two of the most interesting and personable folks I've ever had the pleasure of working with.

With Sincerest Thanks,

Debbie Chorpash
PTO Cultural Arts Chair
Prairie School 





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February 20, 2004

Dear Mr. Krebs:

Thank you for your program *Meeting the Lincolns* that was given at the Des Plaines Public Library on Sunday, February 8, 2004.

Your presentation was informative and entertaining. Our patrons enjoyed the movement of the players and the use of dialogue to advance the story. One person commented, "I felt personally involved."

Thank you again for an excellent program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine R. Posinger".

Christine R. Posinger
Adult Services Librarian

HUNTING RIDGE PTA

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March 2, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write about Michael Krebs' and Debra Miller's portrayal of President Abraham Lincoln and his wife, First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln. They have performed for our fourth grade students two years in a row and we hope to have them back again next year. They did a fantastic job of recreating history right in our auditorium. They taught the students so much and kept them absolutely captivated throughout the entire performance. Our students and staff gave us wonderful feedback; we highly recommend "With Lincoln Production".

Sincerely,



Karen Baker
V.P. Programs
Hunting Ridge PTA



March 20, 2002

Dear Michael:

I am writing on behalf of the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, the staff and myself to thank you for your participation in our American Originals weekend events, special events and the Emancipation Proclamation Weekend.

Your impression of Abraham Lincoln wowed visitor and staff members alike. Your presence livened the exhibit and brought our visitors closer to the historic time period some of the documents represented.

I personally appreciated your willingness to adapt to our environment and go with the flow. You were easy to work with. I have heard many wonderful comments from staff and visitors.

I wish you the best of luck. I have put your contact information and promotional materials on file with a positive recommendation. We will call on you if we ever require your services again. Have a great day!

Sincerely,

Erin Turack
Coordinator of Gallery Programs

MUNDELEIN High School

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May 26, 1999

CENTER EAST SHOWCASE

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter on behalf of Mr. Michael Krebs. I first had the opportunity to see Mike portray Mr. Lincoln at the Chicago Historical Society while attending a Civil War symposium a few years ago. At that time I was amazed at the close resemblance between Mike and Mr. Lincoln. I was impressed by the accuracy to detail in Mike's presentation. As an American History and Civil War teacher for the past twenty years, I instantly considered asking Mike if he gave presentations to school groups.

Our discussion following his presentation was warm and quite cordial. Mike discussed with me his love of American History and President Lincoln. Mike was very flexible in setting up a time and date in which he would give a presentation to my Civil War students.

Upon his arrival at Mundelein High School, Mike Krebs had once again brought Abraham Lincoln to life. While meeting adults as well as students in the corridors, he stayed in character. His presentation to my classes was age appropriate. He not only had memorized a prepared text, but also fielded as many questions as the students were willing to pose. His answers reflected a true depth of knowledge of Lincoln as well as the Civil War itself.

After fielding all of the questions directed to Mr. Lincoln, Mike came out of character to speak to the students about how he had come to appreciate American History and its importance to understanding events taking place today. He also reflected upon how important a quality education is for today's youth. By doing this Mike reinforced the messages I send to my students daily; that history does matter, and that an education is a person's best bet for a successful future. The students were very receptive to Mr. Lincoln as well as Mr. Krebs!

Following the presentation and question and answer period, I brought Mike down to our Social Studies Office to meet some of my colleagues that were unable to attend his presentation. On the way to the office he met many students along the way cordially greeting them as only Lincoln could! My colleagues in the office were amazed at Mike's appearance and demeanor as President Lincoln. They were quite appreciative that he had taken the time to visit with them.

A few days after Mike's appearance, I was pleasantly surprised to find a letter addressed to my students in my mailbox. In the letter Mike thanked the students for their kind attention and perceptive questions. He encouraged them to continue to work hard in all their studies including, of course, history.

The staff and students of Mundelein High School had a great experience that afternoon when Abraham Lincoln came to Mundelein High School. We look forward to his next visit in the upcoming school year.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Gorski".

William Gorski
Social Studies Teacher