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## **THE LINCOLN THEATRE'S COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS SERIES EXPLORES "PRESERVATION VS. GENTRIFICATION" IN THE KING-LINCOLN DISTRICT OCTOBER 31**

The Lincoln Theatre's Community Conversations series is designed to generate community discussion on a variety of interesting cultural questions. On October 31, Community Conversations convenes to talk about the challenge gentrification presents to the King-Lincoln District's cultural history, and asks these questions:

Are online social networks and chat groups among recently arrived residents to the Near East Side a new form of "redlining?" Do they reflect an internet-age tactic designed to exclude "the other?" Is it the civic responsibility of community residents, both long-time and new, to learn and preserve the history of the neighborhood they inhabit? Is gentrification the enemy of historic preservation, not only of edifices, but also of culture?

The event will be facilitated by a local panel of speakers including Ed Lentz, Director Emeritus, Columbus Landmarks Foundation; Scott Woods, owner, Streetlight Guild, creative writer, poet; Chelsea Barnett, account executive, Bartha, Lincoln Theatre Association board member, community advocate; and Tyiesha Radford Shorts, King-Lincoln District resident. It will be moderated by Dr. Jack Marchbanks, host of WCBE's "Jazz Sunday" and Lincoln Theatre Association board member, and Lincoln Theatre Executive Director Suzan Bradford.

The event will also include an Opera Columbus performance of *Voices of Freedom*.

The Lincoln Theatre Association Community Conversations Series presents "Preservation vs. Gentrification" at the Lincoln Theatre Cardinal Health Ballroom (769 E. Long St.) on Thursday, October 31. Doors open at 5:30pm. The program will begin at 6pm. Admission is free.

This program is made possible through the generous support of State Auto Insurance Companies and Donna and Larry James.

[www.LincolnTheatreColumbus.com](http://www.LincolnTheatreColumbus.com)

### **CALENDAR LISTING**

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Support for the Lincoln Theatre's 2019-20 season is provided in part by the Greater Columbus Arts Council, the City of Columbus, Franklin County Board of Commissioners, Nationwide, and the Ohio Arts Council to encourage economic growth, educational excellence, and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans.

**About the Lincoln Theatre**

First opened in 1928, the Lincoln Theatre is a landmark in African-American and jazz history. After undergoing a \$13.5 million renovation funded by a partnership of public and private support, the Lincoln reopened in May 2009 as a multi-use, state-of-the-art performing arts and education center serving the diversity of the central Ohio community. The Lincoln is a bustling hub of activity 365 days a year hosting performances, rehearsals, and classes in the performing arts, as well as a wide variety of community events such as film festivals, meetings, and receptions.

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