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## **LINCOLN THEATRE “COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS” SERIES TAKES ON THE QUESTION OF “ART OR PROPAGANDA?” MARCH 28**

The Lincoln Theatre’s Community Conversations is a free series designed to generate community discussion on a variety of interesting questions surrounding the arts. Over the past century, artists have used their work to comment on matters of social justice. Some argue this makes for bad art. Others say honest expression is the key to good art. On Wednesday, March 28, the Lincoln Theatre’s Community Conversation “Art or Propaganda?” will examine advocacy in art via a 90-minute, multi-media presentation spanning Zora Neal Hurston to Beyoncé and Oscar Micheaux to Ryan Coogler.

The event will be facilitated by a local panel of speakers including Dr. Mark Lomax, 2017 Denison University Mellon Artist-In-Residence; Scott Woods, author/poet/writer; Tyiesha Radford Shorts, community and arts advocate/activist; Caroline Bennett, vocal artist and MA student with OSU’s Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; and Percy King, visual artist. A Q&A session will follow.

“Art or Propaganda?” will be held at the Lincoln Theatre Cardinal Health Ballroom (769 E. Long St.) on Wednesday, March 28. Doors open at 5:30pm. The program will begin at 6pm. Admission is free.

This program is made possible through the generous support of Donna and Larry James.

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### **CALENDAR LISTING**

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Support for the Lincoln Theatre’s 2017-18 season is provided in part by the Greater Columbus Arts Council, the City of Columbus, Franklin County, 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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