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Annual Lights of the Lincoln Celebration returns to Lincoln Theatre

The Lincoln Theatre Association will host its annual Lights of the Lincoln Celebration at the Lincoln Theatre (769 E. Long St.) on Thursday, April 2, at 6:30 pm.

Lights of the Lincoln presents: *Bet on the Lincoln*, a casino night fundraiser for the historic Lincoln Theatre. Attendees will enjoy casino tables, signature cocktails, curated bites, raffles, and unforgettable moments – all for a great cause.

After kicking off with a performance by “house” vocal group Ladies of the Lincoln in the ballroom, the evening will include:

- A full spread of casino favorites – blackjack, roulette, poker, and more – run by professional dealers
- Play-money chips that keep the stakes fun and friendly
- Prizes, raffles, and special surprises throughout the night
- Signature cocktails and curated bites inspired by the theatre’s rich history
- Music, mingling, and moments that capture the spirit of old-school glamour

Tickets start at \$125, and may be purchased at www.lincolntheatrecolumbus.com/events/gala/ beginning March 2.

Sponsorship opportunities are currently available.

Every spin, shuffle, and roll of the dice helps sustain the Lincoln Theatre’s mission to uplift the community through arts, culture, and education. It’s a chance to celebrate the past, invest in the future, and enjoy a night where everyone walks away feeling like a winner.

Guests are welcomed into the Lincoln's embrace with a signature cocktail crafted at the **Ogden Bar**. This lively hub features a poet's symposium, live auction moments, musical interludes from Columbus artist EchoLuxe, culinary tastings, and a 360-degree photo booth for unforgettable keepsakes.

The **Loge Lobby** will host a vibrant marketplace showcasing wearable fashions and artwork from Expand Your Horizons Incubation graduates. Guests can browse and purchase unique creations while enjoying a tasting station from Los Posotinos Mexican cuisine. This space also offers access to the Michael B. Coleman Patio for fresh air and conversation.

A **Jazz Loft** will feature exceptional performances by Columbus artists Starlit Ways, Antonio Lamar, Cedric Easton, and friends. Chef Rah, the Lincoln Theatre's house chef, provides elevated culinary offerings. Guests can also enjoy a personal caricature keepsake and engage with a roaming magician for moments of wonder and delight.

The **main stage** will pulse with energy from community fan favorite Featuring R&B with DJ JMA & DJ Durl throughout the evening as it transforms into a vibrant live listening lounge.

"Your support is more powerful than you know. Every ticket purchased, every game played, every donation made helps keep the Lights of the Lincoln shining bright," Suzan Bradford, Executive Director of the Lincoln Theatre, said. "This isn't just about fun, it's about fueling opportunities, strengthening community, and investing in the people and programs that make the Lincoln extraordinary. When we come together, we create momentum. Your attendance shows that you believe in what the Lincoln can be. Bet on the Lincoln!"

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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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