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**Rosenbach Museum & Library presents the Rosenbacchanal
Annual Benefit, May 27th, 6 – 10 p.m.
featuring entertainment by 1812 Productions, music by Dave Burrell and an
exclusive private viewing of the new exhibition, *Finding Lincoln***

WHEN: Wednesday, May 27th, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

WHERE: Rosenbach Museum & Library, 2008-2010 Delancey Place, Philadelphia

INFO: Individual subscriptions start at \$500 per person; corporate sponsorships are also available. Proceeds provide crucial support for the museum's collections and programs. RSVP by Wednesday, May 13. For information on sponsorships and subscriptions and to RSVP, contact Christina Deemer, Director of Development at the Rosenbach, at (215) 732-1600 ext. 122 or email cdeemer@rosenbach.org.

Members of the press who would like to preview the *Finding Lincoln* exhibition or schedule a photographer **must RSVP** to Emaleigh Doley, emaleigh@canarypromo.com, (215) 242-6393 by May 22.

WHAT: On May 27th, the **Rosenbach Museum & Library** will hold the **Rosenbacchanal**, the museum's annual benefit, along with an exclusive preview of the museum's Abraham Lincoln bicentennial exhibition, *Finding Lincoln*. The Rosenbach invites guests to spend an evening exploring the museum's exhibition galleries and collections, while enjoying fine food, a wine tasting by **Moore Brothers Wine Company**, music by jazz pianist and Steinway Artist **Dave Burrell**, entertainment by **1812 Productions**, a live auction, and dessert at the elegant homes of Delancey Place neighbors.

All proceeds from the event support the museum's innovative exhibitions and programs – which each year reach more than 13,000 visitors to the museum and over 375,000 visitors to the Rosenbach's web projects – in addition to the museum's educational outreach which engages thousands of children in Philadelphia schools each year.

As part of the Rosenbacchanal, Philadelphia's **Dave Burrell**, Musician-in-Residence to the Rosenbach, will play jazz piano during the cocktail hour and wine tasting. Since the mid-1960s, the famed composer has contributed to over 150 recordings, including 36 under his own name, in addition to pivotal recordings with Archie Shepp (*Attica Blues*), Pharoah Sanders (*Tauhid*), Marion Brown (*Three for Shepp*) and Grammy Award-winner David Murray (*Lovers, Ballads*).

Among friends and distinguished guests, attendees are invited to view *Finding Lincoln*, the museum's new exhibition which sheds light on Lincoln's views on race, his patterns of thought and rhetoric, and his role as a celebrity, both in his own day and ours. The exhibition is closely integrated with the Rosenbach's interactive web project, 21stCenturyAbe.org. Alongside contributions from 21st-Century Abe website

visitors and project artists, the exhibition in two of the Rosenbach's galleries showcases the original Lincoln documents at the heart of the 21st-Century Abe project including speeches, letters and notes, which range from the Baltimore Address to Lincoln's attempt to explain his family history.

An elegant dinner will also be served, followed by a brief live auction featuring exceptional treasures and experiences, including a rare print of Abraham Lincoln donated by the **Raab Collection**.

Following the auction, guests will attend intimate gatherings at neighboring homes on Delancey Place, set in the museum's historic Rittenhouse Square district. During this unique dessert hour, Philadelphia comedy theater company and 21st-Century-Abe project artist **1812 Productions** will provide entertainment based on their work commissioned by the Rosenbach for 21stCenturyAbe.org. Created by artistic director **Jennifer Childs**, the company's "[Abe Lincoln: Behind the Speeches](#)" is a 4-part series exploring Lincoln's role as a communicator and how he might have utilized technology from the turn of the last century through the present.

WHO: Chairman of the Rosenbach Board **Susan Muller**, Event Committee Co-chairs **Alan and Nancy Hirsig** and **Albert and Joan Piscopo**, and a dozen members of the museum's board of trustees, will welcome the approximately 100 guests who include community leaders representing the fields of philanthropy, law, publishing, medicine, industry, arts & culture, and more. Attendees include the great-nephew of museum founders and committee member **David Rosenbach Sackey**, with his wife **Renee Sackey**; **Amanda Bennett**, Executive Editor of Enterprise for Bloomberg News and former Editor of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*; **Dr. Michael A. Naidoff** and **Stephanie W. Naidoff**, former Commerce Director for the City of Philadelphia; and event committee members **Margy Ellin Meyerson**, **Bernard Newman**, **Lenore Steiner** and **Perry A. Lerner**.

ABOUT THE ROSENBACH: The Rosenbach Museum & Library seeks to inspire curiosity, inquiry, and creativity by engaging broad audiences in exhibitions, programs and research based on its remarkable and expanding collections. The museum was founded by legendary book dealer A.S.W. Rosenbach and his brother and business partner Philip. With an outstanding collection of rare books, manuscripts, furniture, and art, the Rosenbach is a museum and world-renowned research library, set within two historic 1865 townhouses, that reflects an age when great collectors lived among their treasures. The Rosenbach Museum & Library is open Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and groups of 10 or more, \$5 for students and children ages 5-18, and free for children under 5. For more information, please call (215) 732-1600 or visit www.rosenbach.org.

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