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C-Span Exhibit *American Presidents: Life Portraits*

Opens At The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library July 18 - August 24

Traveling Exhibit Co-sponsored by the White House Historical Association

WASHINGTON, DC, July 13, 2006 , Starting **Tuesday, July 18**, *American Presidents: Life Portraits*, a presidential portrait exhibit presented by C-SPAN and the White House Historical Association, will be on display at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library. The exhibit will be open to the public through August 24, 2006.

American Presidents: Life Portraits features the only complete collection of American presidential oil portraits by one artist, renowned painter and sculptor Chas Fagan. Accompanying the Fagan portraits are biographical sketches of all 43 presidents, photographs contributed by the White House Historical Association that capture each president's time in the White House, as well as historic front pages of American newspapers announcing presidential election results.

Commissioned by C-SPAN in 1999, North Carolina artist Chas Fagan painted the presidential portraits to complement C-SPAN's Peabody Award-winning television series, *American Presidents: Life Portraits*. The exhibit debuted in Washington, DC in September 1999 and since then, has traveled the country providing historical perspective on the presidency.

The *American Presidents: Life Portraits* exhibit has traveled to many presidential venues including the Eisenhower Center in Abilene, KS, the Gerald R. Ford Library and Museum in Ann Arbor, MI and the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum in College Station, TX. The exhibit has also been displayed at the White House Visitor Center in Washington, DC, and a number of Campaign 2004 sites including the Republican and Democratic National Conventions.

In Springfield, C-SPAN programming is carried as a public service by Insight Communications, a C-SPAN board member company. Insight's affiliate fees help support C-SPAN operations, including this exhibit.

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The White House Historical Association, a non-profit organization, was created in 1961 to enhance understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the White House. The association sponsors lectures, exhibits and other outreach programs. Schools, universities and libraries receive free educational materials about the White House. Traveling exhibits and videos are circulated to the presidential libraries and museums around the country.

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