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HEROES OF HISTORY LECTURE

Harold Holzer, one of the nation's leading authorities on the Civil War era, delivered the second annual Heroes of History Lecture on October 18, 2004, at Ford's Theatre in Washington, DC. Holzer spoke on "Abraham Lincoln, American Hero."



Harold Holzer

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Holzer has authored, co-authored, or edited twenty-three books, the most recent being *Lincoln at Cooper Union: The Speech That Made Abraham Lincoln President*. He serves as co-chairman of the United States Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, which was established by Congress in 2000 to study, plan, and recommend to Congress activities to honor the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth in 2009. After receiving a BA from City University of New York, Holzer began his career as an editor at the *Manhattan Tribune* and worked as political campaign press secretary for New York's Congresswoman Bella S. Abzug and Governor Mario M. Cuomo. He serves as senior vice president for external affairs at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Among his many honors are the Barondess Award of the Civil War Round Table of New York, the George Washington Medal from the Freedom Foundation, and the Writer of Distinction Award from the International Reading Association. In 2002, Holzer won the Nevins-Freeman Award of the Civil War Round Table of Chicago.

Part of the *We the People* initiative, the Heroes of History Lecture offers the public an opportunity to learn about the lives and deeds of our nation's heroes. The lecture is held annually and carries a \$10,000 honorarium.