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Live performance coming to Arcadia on Monday, October 19:

**The President and the Abolitionist:
An Evening with Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass**

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

President Abraham Lincoln and fiery abolitionist Frederick Douglass, men of humble origin, extraordinary eloquence, and powerful personality, met three times in the White House between 1863 and 1865. These self-educated, self-made men cultivated an extraordinary relationship that helped to shape their respective views on race, slavery, and democracy.

These meetings are re-enacted on-stage in a series of Florida Humanities Council programs featuring scholars George Frein and Charles Pace who have blended excerpts from speeches by the two men to depict what may have been said during their time together at the White House.

After the presentation, a question/answer period for audience members to interact with Lincoln and Douglass will take place. The audience will also have the opportunity to question the scholars about how they prepared for the performance.

The program, scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, October 19 in the DeSoto Middle School cafeteria (420 E. Gibson St.), is free and open to the public, and is sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council in partnership with Superintendent Adrian Cline and the School District of DeSoto County.

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