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LINCOLN MEMORIAL REPLICA AT O'HARE COMMEMORATES BICENTENNIAL OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S BIRTH

The Chicago Department of Aviation is joining in the national year-long celebration commemorating the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth by exhibiting a half-size replica of the Lincoln Memorial at O'Hare International Airport. The statue's creator, Chicago sculptor Fran Volz, and Lincoln impersonator Michael Krebs visited O'Hare today to greet passengers, pose for photos and answer questions. The statue measures 10 ½ feet tall by 9 feet wide and is carved from an environmentally friendly and recyclable material called Expanded Polystyrene.



Photo Caption: Lincoln impersonator Michael Krebs poses to be photographed by a traveler in front of a half-size Lincoln Memorial replica in Terminal 2 at O'Hare International Airport on March 13, 2009.

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Caption: Lincoln impersonator Michael Krebs stands in front of the Lincoln Memorial replica in Terminal 2 at O'Hare International Airport on March 13, 2009. The statue measures 10 ½ feet tall by 9 feet wide and is carved from an environmentally friendly and recyclable material called Expanded Polystyrene.

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About the Chicago Airport System

The Chicago Airport System is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Airport System.

About Fran Volz

A self taught sculptor, Volz honed his skills first in woodworking, and later in bronze. He is a founding partner of Snow Visions, Inc., a non-profit, national snow sculpting competition. Snow Visions, Inc. collaborated with the City of Chicago's Snow Days Winter Festival in February 2009.

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