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**LANTERN THEATER COMPANY RECEIVES
LINCOLN FINANCIAL FOUNDATION GRANT**

Philadelphia, PA, 3/18/15 – Lantern Theater Company has received a \$10,000 grant from the Lincoln Financial Foundation for fiscal year 2016 in support of the Lantern's *Illumination* program. *Illumination*, the Lantern's award-winning education program, engages local students in the world of theater and nurtures their artistic expression, reaching the Greater Philadelphia region through discount matinee performances, in-school residencies, and after school drama clubs.

The Lincoln Financial Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Lincoln Financial Group, believes that strong economies begin with strong communities. Its grant is part of Lincoln Financial's \$10 million in annual charitable contributions to support education, human services, arts and economic/workforce development programs in key cities across the country where the company has a strong business presence.

About Lantern Theater Company

Founded in 1994, Lantern Theater Company is committed to an authentic and intimate exploration of the human spirit in its choice of classics, modern, and original works. The Lantern seeks to be a vibrant, contributing member of its community, exposing audiences to great theater, inviting participation in dialogue and discussion, educating audience members about artistic and social issues, and employing theatrical language and techniques to enrich learning in the classroom. The Lantern has received 82 Barrymore Award nominations, winning 15 times including the 2009 Barrymore Award for Excellence in Theatre Education and Community Service for its innovative education program, *Illumination*. Lantern Theater Company has been in residence at St. Stephen's Theater at 10th & Ludlow Streets in Center City Philadelphia since 1996, managing the performance space and developing it into an affordable multi-purpose performing arts venue. For more information, please visit lanterntheater.org.

About Lincoln Financial Foundation

The Lincoln Financial Foundation, established in 1962, is a nonprofit organization formed and supported by Lincoln Financial Group. Under the Foundation guidelines, grants are made in the areas of arts, education, human services and economic/workforce development.

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