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WASHINGTON -- Did Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth president of the United States, have a gay lover? Playwright David Brendan Hopes asks that controversial question in "The Loves of Mr. Lincoln" on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

The special reading is part of Ganymede Arts' fall festival taking place Oct. 19-28 at the historic Church Street Theatre. The celebration also features visual art, dance, instrumental and vocal performances.

Hopes, a Pulitzer Prize nominee and University of North Carolina, Asheville, professor, wrote the play about the colossus seated on the National Mall after visiting the nation's capital last year.

During the course of his life, Lincoln loved his wife, his family, and his country -- but before them all he loved Joshua Speed, Hopes explains. "I hope my deep respect for the man and his achievements is made evident," he says.

"Dealing with issues of love, duty, and companionship along with the pressures of home, God, and country, the play promises to put into question the public and private life of one of America's great leaders," adds director Michael Baron.

More GLBT new play readings on Saturday, Oct. 20:

3 p.m. "Yellow Lentils" by Emily Solomon. A tantalizing dinner party at Raji and Robert's turns tragic as East Indian tradition clashes with Western passion.

4:30 p.m. "The Ghosts of Summer" by Arthur Joseph Lundquist. A male AIDS nurse, obsessed with memories of his patients, deals with specters haunting his summer home in a touching tragicomedy.

7 p.m. "Goodbye, Ruby Tuesday" by EM Lewis. Lynn Hallaby is leaving home in the midst of a thirty-something crisis to spend a year on an Alaskan fishing boat, but her family tries hard to keep her home.

For a full list of scheduled events and tickets, visit www.ganymedearts.org.

Ganymede Arts is dedicated to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (glbt) experience. Our mission is to provide high-quality, professional theatre and art (dance and musical performances, poetry readings and art shows) that fosters social and cultural awareness of and for the glbt community.