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**TCG to Publish the screenplay for the Steven Spielberg film *Lincoln*,
written by Tony Kushner**

NEW YORK, NY – Theatre Communications Group (TCG) is pleased to announce the publication of **Tony Kushner’s critically acclaimed screenplay for *Lincoln*, now a major motion picture directed by Steven Spielberg.** Inspired by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin’s book, *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*, the published screenplay of *Lincoln* will contain eight pages of color photos from the film. The book will be released on January 22, 2013, and is now available for pre-order via the [TCG website](#).

“Splendid... This is among the finest films ever made about American politics.”
— *New York Times*

A decade-long collaboration between three-time Academy Award® winner Steven Spielberg and the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Angels in America*, Tony Kushner, *Lincoln* is a revealing drama that focuses on the 16th President’s tumultuous final months in office. Having just won re-election in a country divided, Lincoln pursues a course of action designed to end the war, unite the country and abolish slavery. With the moral courage and fierce determination to succeed, his choices during this critical moment will change the fate of America, and generations, to come.

The DreamWorks film, which opened in wide release in the U.S. on November 16, 2012 and was just awarded Best Screenplay by the New York Film Critics Awards, stars two-time Academy Award® winner Daniel Day-Lewis as the 16th U.S. President and two-time Academy Award® winner Sally Field as his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln.

“A brilliant, brawling epic... Screenwriter Tony Kushner blows the dust off history by investing it with flesh, blood and churning purpose... A great American movie.”
— *Rolling Stone*

Tony Kushner’s plays include *Angels in America, Parts One and Two; A Bright Room Called Day; Slavs!; Homebody/Kabul; Caroline, or Change*, a musical with composer Jeanine Tesori; and *The Intelligent Homosexual’s Guide to Capitalism and Socialism with a Key to the Scriptures*. He wrote the screenplays for Mike Nichols’ film of *Angels in America* and for Steven Spielberg’s *Munich*. Kushner is the recipient of a Pulitzer Prize, two Tony Awards®, three Obie Awards, two Evening Standard Awards, an Olivier Award, an Emmy® Award and an Oscar® nomination, among other honors. In 2008, he was the first recipient of the Steinberg Distinguished Playwright Award.

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