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# 'Saving Lincoln' is the Newest Movie in 2012's Crush of Films About the 16th President

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Director Salvador Litvak is using historical photographs to create the backdrop for his actors, who include Tom Amandes as the president and Lea Coco as his bodyguard.

*Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter* was released last month. **Steven Spielberg's** *Lincoln* is due in December. And as if moviegoers weren't already getting a crash course in Honest Abe, a new movie, *Saving Lincoln*, has just completed production and is shopping for a distributor.

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Director **Salvador Litvak's** film, the newest entry in the Lincoln sweepstakes, tells the story of the 16th president of the United States through the eyes of his bodyguard, U.S. Marshall **Ward Hill Lamon**. **Tom Amandes**, who appeared as Dr. Pelikan on *Parenthood*, plays Lincoln, while **Lea Coco** (*The Client List*) plays Lamon. The cast also includes **Penelope Ann Miller** as **Mary Todd Lincoln**, **Creed Bratton** as Senator **Charles Sumner**, **Saidah Arrika Ekulona** as **Elizabeth Keckly** and **Bruce Davison** as Secretary of State **William H. Seward**.

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Litvak, whose previous film was the 2005 Passover comedy *When Do We Eat?*, wrote the film with **Nina Davidovich Litvak**. It was produced by **Reuben Lim** and executive produced by **Horatio C. Kemeny**.

To shoot the period piece on an indie budget, Litvak used a process he calls CineCollage, using historical photos, many from the Library of Congress, as the backdrops for the scenes in which the actors were placed via green screen. "In the wake of movies like *Sin City* and *300*, I realized we could use the photos to replace physical sets," Litvak said. "Further possibilities for CineCollage are unlimited, particularly for subjects that can exploit well-photographed periods and locations."

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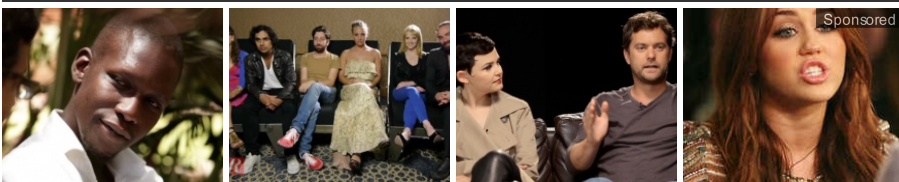
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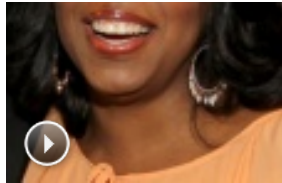
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