



The Lost Colony, 1409 National Park Drive, Manteo, NC 27954 www.thelostcolony.org

MEDIA ADVISORY

OPENING OF THE LOST COLONY'S REBUILT COSTUME SHOP

- WHAT:** Ribbon Cutting with Special Guests & Open House
- WHEN:** Wednesday, April 30, 2008 (two separate events)
- Ribbon Cutting at 11:30 am, *features special guests*
- Open House from 5 – 7 pm, *open to the public*
- WHERE:** Irene Smart Rains Costume Shop (adjacent to Waterside Theatre)
Located within Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, Manteo, N.C.
- DETAILS:** The ribbon cutting event and open house are a celebration of triumph for *The Lost Colony*. The drama is on their way to have costumes ready for May 30th's Opening Night. This event features many special guests who have contributed to the rebuilding efforts. Special guests at the Ribbon Cutting Event include: Chris Seawell · Chairman of the Roanoke Island Historical Association; Ray Reisert · Vice Chairman of the Roanoke Island Historical Association; Carl Curnutte · Executive Director and Producer of *The Lost Colony*; Mike Murray · Superintendent for National Park Service (NPS) Outer Banks Group; Betty Jo Shepherd · Eastern Regional Field Representative, U.S. Senator Richard Burr; Lisbeth C. "Libba" Evans · Secretary of North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources; Barbara Connery · Chairwoman (former) of the Dare County Tourism Board; Carolyn McCormick · Executive Director of the Outer Banks Visitor's Bureau; Barbara Bingham · Executive Director of the Outer Banks Community Foundation; Scott Leggat · Chairman of the Dare County Tourism Board; Bobby Harrell · President of the Board of Directors, Outer Banks Community Foundation; John Wilson · Architect and Project Supervisor; Steve Daniels · Owner of Renaissance Construction Company; Bill Dolley · Superintendent of Construction for Renaissance Construction Company; John Bone · President and CEO of the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce; William Ivey Long · Production Designer of *The Lost Colony*; and "Special" *Lost Colony* alumni.

Guided tours of the facility will be given up request.

RSVP:

If you plan to attend, please respond to:
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DIRECTIONS:

Waterside Theatre is located on the grounds of Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, four miles north of Manteo on U.S. Highway 64 Business.

Directions from Norfolk, Va., and Points North:

Follow U.S. Highway 158 South, crossing the Wright Memorial Bridge. Go through the towns of Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills and Nags Head. Continue on the Manteo/Nags Head Causeway, crossing the Washington Baum Bridge. At the second stoplight, turn right, following Highway 64 Business West approximately five miles. Turn right into Fort Raleigh and follow the signs to *The Lost Colony* parking area and Box Office.

Directions from Raleigh, N.C., and Points West:

Travel East on U.S. Highway 64 from Raleigh, N.C. When entering Mann's Harbor, turn left at the flashing yellow light and follow U.S. 64 Business, crossing the William B. Umstead Bridge. Fort Raleigh will be on your left, approximately one mile after crossing the bridge. Turn left into Fort Raleigh and follow the signs to *The Lost Colony* parking area and Box Office.

THE LOST COLONY:

Presented where the real-life events occurred more than 400 years ago, *The Lost Colony* tells the story and mysterious disappearance of America's first English colony (1584-87). First staged in 1937, it is the nation's premier and longest-running symphonic drama. Written by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Paul Green, *The Lost Colony's* 71st anniversary season opens May 30 and plays nightly except Saturday through Aug. 18, 2008 at Manteo's Waterside Theatre, on North Carolina's Outer Banks. For tickets and information, go to www.thelostcolony.org or call (252) 473-2127 or (252) 473-3414 (May through August).

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