



Established in 1935 by Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge

## **Mission**

The Hartley Dodge Foundation monitors the architectural and historic integrity of the Hartley Dodge Memorial, manages the art collection owned by the Foundation, and stewards its endowment to advance those purposes.

## **Introductions**

# Background on the HDF Art Collection

- After years of inattention, Arts Committee initiated several projects:
  - Condition assessments
  - Prioritized restoration of pieces
  - Research into history and provenance

# Lincoln Portrait

- Beginning in 2021, received inquiries to loan the portrait
- Set up criteria for a potential loan which included the quality of the institution, its audience, security, programming, etc.
- Top Choice: The National Portrait Gallery in Washington, DC
  - Centerpiece is the Gallery of Presidents, and this is where it would be located
  - Would temporarily replace the posthumous portrait by Healy
  - Location would be right behind “The Landsdowne” portrait of George Washington by Gilbert Stuart. Our Lincoln and The Landsdowne hung side-by-side in the Main Exhibition Hall of the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia in 1876.

- Reasons NPG is a great fit
  - Their mission, supported by our national government, location
  - Visited by 2 million people/20K school children per year
  - Admission is free, open 7 days a week
  - NPG making this a high-profile installation. Will surround with all kinds of programming for the general public, students, historians beginning Presidents Day Weekend
  - Security excellent
- HDF Perspective
  - Wide audience vs. few people seeing (the NPG didn't exist until 1962)
  - Have learned through research that this portrait was in the public eye over a century ago:
    - Philadelphia Centennial
    - Hung in Capitol Building
    - Twice, bills introduced in Congress to acquire

# Madison

- A high quality reproduction will hang in the Council Chamber during the loan
- The Borough of Madison would be recognized
  - Labeling in DC
  - Labeling in Madison
- Madison school groups, etc. welcomed at NPG

# Details

- 5 year loan beginning this month; will return to Madison in December 2027
- Will not be sold during period of loan plus two years without consultation
- Other pieces will not be lent while Lincoln is in DC
- Signed a Memorandum of Understanding covering these details