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New Americans Will Watch Inauguration

On Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 10am (CST), the immigrant students and staff of the International Institute St. Louis (IISTL) will gather to view and celebrate the historical inauguration of Barack Obama as President of the United States of America. This inauguration has a special meaning to virtually all immigrants and refugees. For they see their reflection in our new President. Barack Obama - African descent, son of an immigrant – he is the new face of America and his election is a message to them that it is their country as well. 2008 may also represent the first Presidential Election in which so many new citizens voted. Regardless of their choice, the inauguration is a symbol of democracy – a principle that many immigrants seek and highly value when coming to America.

Capture this historical event through the eyes of hundreds of St. Louis' newest Americans.

When: Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 10am

Where: International Institute St. Louis, 3654 S. Grand Blvd.

Who: Immigrants and refugees from around the world: Nepalese, Iraqis, Somalis, Colombians, and everyone in-between.

Online media resources can be found at: <http://www.iistl.org/media.php>. Follow us on Twitter: iistl.

About the International Institute St. Louis: Celebrating its 90th Anniversary in 2009, the International Institute has a long history of connecting immigrants with the wider St. Louis community through events like Festival of Nations. The agency is a catalyst for economic development in St. Louis, with a small business center for immigrant entrepreneurs and extensive language translation services. Top notch education and social services are also available. Learn more about the International Institute at www.iistl.org. Proud member of the United Way of Greater St. Louis and the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants.

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