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**NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER ANNOUNCES EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH *AMERICAN SPIRITS: THE RISE AND FALL OF PROHIBITION***

***Educational Resources for Teachers and Students, Plus Programs for Visitors of All Ages Created for the Duration of American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition***

Philadelphia, PA (March 2, 2017) – The National Constitution Center announced today its plans for educational resources, programs and activities created in conjunction with the return of *American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition*. The Center plans to offer a wide variety of daily museum visitor programming free with admission, including an exciting new quiz show—*The Roaring '20s Game Show*, lobby shows—such as *Constitution 101: Amending and Repealing*, and programs—such as *American Spirits* Gallery Talk and Order a Story. The Center also offers educator resources, including educator days, teaching tours, and a new student guide.

*American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition* is the first comprehensive exhibit about America's most colorful and complex constitutional hiccup. Visitors will step back in time to an era of flappers and suffragists, bootleggers and temperance workers, and real-life legends like Al Capone and Carrie Nation. The National Constitution Center's *American Spirits* exhibit brings the Prohibition era vividly to life by using artifacts, interactives, multimedia, and hands-on activities to guide visitors through the era.

**Museum Programs and Activities**

*\*Programs vary daily. Please check the visitor guide upon arrival for that day's programming.*

***American Spirits* Gallery Talk**

*Available daily*

Museum educators will present a brief introduction to *American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition* that encourages visitors to consider key questions and themes highlighted throughout the exhibit's artifacts and displays.

**Order a Story**

*Available daily*

A program designed to be presented at the bar in the speakeasy, education staff will serve-up entertaining and engaging Prohibition era stories to visitors.

**Constitution 101: Amending and Repealing**

*Available daily beginning April 1*

An energetic, interactive program, *Constitution 101: Amending and Repealing* uses examples from Prohibition to explore the process of amending the Constitution, and the rare scenario of repealing an amendment. This show will feature dress-up opportunities, "Who am I?" questions, and other interactive elements.

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### **The Roaring '20s Game Show**

*Available daily beginning April 1*

In this game show-style activity, visitors will learn about the Prohibition era, from music, movies, and literature to politics and government.

### ***American Spirits* Exhibit Tour**

*Available during special events and civic holidays—check program sheet upon arrival for more information*

This tour takes visitors through the *American Spirits* exhibit and explores the era that spans the temperance movement through the Roaring '20s, to the unprecedented repeal of a constitutional amendment. Visitors will explore the role that women played in the ratification and repeal of Prohibition, as well as the way a woman's role in society changed during the era.

## **Field Trip Resources**

### **Student Guide**

*Available daily*

This exhibit guide, designed for middle and high school students, puts young people into the shoes of a reporter tracing the amendment process as they examine the passage of the 18th Amendment and its effect on American culture, industry, and government.

## **Special Events and Civic Holidays**

### **Women's History Month**, *March 2017*

American women were crucial figures in the rise and fall of Prohibition. This March, featured programs help visitors learn about the women who helped change the Constitution (then change it back), and discover how the era itself helped change the role of women in society.

### **Spring Break**, *April 12-19, 2017*

During Spring Break at the Constitution Center, visitors can delve deeper into the Roaring '20s, with daily programs that explore the era's music, dance, literature, politics, and much more.

### **Tax Day**, *April 17, 2017*

This Tax Day, visitors can explore the role that taxation played in the rise and fall of Prohibition in America.

## **Educator Workshop**

### ***Prohibition: History and Legacy* One-day Teacher Workshop**, *May 20, 2017, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.*

In partnership with Eastern State Penitentiary, the Center will offer a one-day teacher workshop highlighting the history of Prohibition and its influence on modern American drug policy and criminal justice. At the Center, teachers will have an *Interactive Constitution* workshop and guided tours of *American Spirits* and *The Story of We the People* focusing on key criminal justice Supreme Court cases.

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Transportation will be provided for teachers to travel to Eastern State for a program focusing on Al Capone, Prohibition era law enforcement, drug laws, and mass incarceration since Prohibition. Teachers return to the Center for self-guided exploration of the exhibit and departure. Documentation will be provided for 4.5 hours of professional development. Cost: \$20 per teacher. For information, contact [education@constitutioncenter.org](mailto:education@constitutioncenter.org).

The National Constitution Center is located at 525 Arch Street on Philadelphia's Independence Mall. The Center is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

### **Ticket Information**

#### ***American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition* March 3 – July 16, 2017**

Through March 31, 2017, with the Winter Warm Up sale: Adults \$13.00; Youth (6-18) \$10.50. After March 31, Adults \$17.50; Youth (6-18) \$14.00. Includes general admission to the National Constitution Center. The exhibit is free for Members, active military personnel, and children ages 5 and under.

### **About the National Constitution Center**

The [National Constitution Center](http://www.constitutioncenter.org) in Philadelphia inspires citizenship as the only place where people across America and around the world can come together to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. A private, nonprofit organization, the Center serves as America's leading platform for constitutional education and debate, fulfilling its Congressional charter "to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a nonpartisan basis." As the **Museum of We the People**, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits. As **America's Town Hall**, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms. As a center for **Civic Education**, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire, excite, and engage citizens about the U.S. Constitution. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org).

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