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RENOWNED SPEAKERS FEATURED IN EVENING PROGRAMS AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA – As a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the National Constitution Center presents programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues facing America today. Distinguished speakers at the Center have included bestselling authors, former presidents, high ranking public officials, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists, esteemed constitutional scholars, award winning filmmakers, and Supreme Court Justices, discussing everything from the founding fathers and our rights and responsibilities as citizens, to the inner workings of Washington, the three branches of government, and the Constitution as depicted in popular culture.

National Constitution Center programs have featured:

- Veteran broadcaster **Tom Brokaw** discussing his book, *Boom! Personal Reflections on the Sixties and Today*.
- Award winning documentary filmmaker and author **Ken Burns** in a special Veteran's Day event discussing his film series, *The War*.
- Former House Majority Leader **Tom DeLay** discussing stories from his long career in politics.
- Top public-policy maker **Dinesh D'Souza** discussing his provocative book, *The Enemy at Home: The Cultural Left and Its Responsibility for 9/11*.
- Supreme Court Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg**, Law Professors **Sherrilyn Ifill** and **Elena Kagan**, and Judge **Gene Pratter** discussing the successes, continued challenges, and emerging issues faced by women in the legal profession with ABC's **Lynn Sherr**, as part of the Peter Jennings Project for Journalists and the Constitution.
- Acclaimed historian **Doris Kearns Goodwin** discussing her book, *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*.

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- **Doro Bush Koch**, daughter of President George H.W. Bush, discussing her memoir about her father's life and presidency.
- **Senator John McCain** discussing timely issues with WPHT's Michael Smerconish in a town hall meeting.
- Media personality **Tavis Smiley** discussing his memoir, *What I Know For Sure: My Story of Growing Up in America*.
- Princeton professor **Cornel West** discussing his premise that American democracy is in danger.
- **Valerie Plame Wilson** providing her perspective on the public disclosure of her identity as a CIA officer.

The Center also hosts a variety of program series designed to engage audiences in current constitutional topics, including:

- **Annual John M. Templeton, Jr., Lecture on Economic Liberties and the Constitution** – The annual Templeton Lecture series showcases the best constitutional minds in America as they discuss economic liberties in a forum open to the public. Past lecturers have addressed such issues as campaign finance, eminent domain, immigration, and health care.
- **The Legacy of 1808** – The *Legacy of 1808* speaker series commemorates the 200th anniversary of the end to the Atlantic slave trade, and engages local and national experts in an ongoing dialogue about the history of slavery and its contemporary relevance. By exploring issues of race, segregation, suffrage, and individual rights, this series reveals how slavery cast a dark shadow over the nation's founding and influenced the evolution of American culture and society.
- **Red, White, Blue and Green** – The *Red, White, Blue and Green* series features conversations with nationally respected scholars, practitioners, advocates, executives, and government officials about unique constitutional issues pertaining to environmental policy and stewardship. From issues of economic and national security to questions of states' rights and federalism, this series generates balanced, thought-provoking exchange and sheds light on the relevancy of the environment and the Constitution in every day life.
- **Cephalon Speaker Series for Science and the Constitution** – In partnership with Cephalon, Inc., the Center's *Cephalon Speaker Series for Science and the Constitution* attracts local and national experts to discuss constitutional issues pertaining to science, public policy, and the law.

Podcasts of National Constitution Center programs are available at www.constitutioncenter.org and the iTunes Music Store.

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Times and prices vary for each program. Discounted pricing is available for Constitution Center members, students, and teachers. For additional information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. Also, as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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