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FALL PROGRAMS AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (August 8, 2007) – The National Constitution Center announces the line-up of programs for Fall 2007. These evening events contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues with featured speakers such as Chris Mathews, Ken Burns, and Tom Brokaw. The Center will also host the *First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image* exhibition and a number of programs surrounding the unique American institution of the first lady and the first family. In addition, the Center will host a variety of other programs, including the *50th Annual Owen J. Roberts Memorial Lecture* with former Israeli Supreme Court chief judge Aharon Barak, in celebration of Constitution Day, and *Voices for Liberty*, a discussion about fighting disease and poverty on the African continent, in conjunction with the 2007 Liberty Medal. Reservations are required for all programs and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

Author Series Programs:

The Big Talker 1210's Michael Smerconish Book Club Presents: MSNBC's Chris Matthews

Tuesday, October 23, 7:00 p.m.

\$12 for members, \$15 for non-members, \$6 for K-12 students and teachers

Philadelphia's own Chris Matthews will return to the National Constitution Center for a conversation with his brother Jim Matthews about his new book, *Life's A Campaign: What Politics Has Taught Me About Friendship, Rivalry, Reputation and Success*. With nearly forty years of experience in American politics and journalism, Matthews will share the lessons he has learned in his journey to success. This program will be moderated by WPHT 1210 AM's Michael Smerconish as part of his Book Club.

Ken Burns: The War

Monday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.

\$12 for members, \$15 for non-members, \$6 for K-12 students and teachers

Award winning documentary filmmaker and author Ken Burns will join the National Constitution Center for a special Veteran's Day event. Burns, director of the new film series *The War*, airing on PBS this fall, and co-author of the companion volume *The War: An*

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Intimate History, will share the American experience of World War II through the words and deeds of those who made history on the battlefields and on the home front.

Boom!: Aftershocks of the Sixties with Tom Brokaw

Wednesday, November 28, 6:30 p.m.

\$12 for members, \$15 for non-members, \$6 for K-12 students and teachers

Tom Brokaw, bestselling author and veteran broadcaster, will join the National Constitution Center for a discussion about his new book, *Boom! Aftershocks of the Sixties*. Brokaw will survey how famous people, ordinary citizens, and the national mindset were all affected by an unforgettable time of turbulence and change.

StoryCorps founder Dave Isay

Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m.

\$12 for members, \$15 for non-members, \$6 for K-12 students and teachers

The National Constitution Center will welcome StoryCorps founder Dave Isay for a conversation about storytelling and his new book, *Listening Is an Act of Love: A Celebration of American Life from the StoryCorps Project*. Drawn from the work of StoryCorps, the largest and most ambitious oral history project in American history, the book is a tapestry of the stories Americans have been sharing from their lives, capturing for posterity the issues that define us and bond us as a nation.

First Ladies Programs:

Mr. Jefferson's Women

Monday, October 8, 6:30 p.m.

Free

Author Jon Kukla, director of the Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation, will join the National Constitution Center to discuss Thomas Jefferson's role in determining the position of women in law, culture, and education during and after the American Revolution. Kukla will provide an examination of the former president's attitudes toward women in his life, as well as their place in American politics and society.

Alice Roosevelt Longworth: White House Princess to Washington Power Broker

Wednesday, October 24, 6:30 p.m.

Free

Historian Stacy Cordery will discuss her intelligent new biography, *ALICE: Alice Roosevelt Longworth, from White House Princess to Washington Power Broker* and the uniquely American institution of the first family. Alice Roosevelt Longworth, President Theodore Roosevelt's eldest daughter, was a legend in her own time and is remembered today for her acerbic tongue, and, more importantly, for her influence on public policy.

The Kennedys: Portrait of a Family

Tuesday, October 30, 6:30 p.m.

Free

Shannon Thomas Perich, associate curator in the Photographic History Collection at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History and author of the new book, *The*

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Kennedys: Portrait of a Family, will reveal the photographs taken by world renowned photographer Richard Avedon – never seen outside of the Smithsonian collection – and will share the story of a first family on the brink of history.

Other Fall Programs:

Maintaining the Balance

Wednesday, September 5, 6:30 p.m.

Free

To help clarify the concept of executive power, the National Constitution Center will welcome back visiting scholars Laurence Tribe and Theodore Olson for a conversation about recent claims of executive privilege with University of Pennsylvania Professor of Political Science Rogers M. Smith.

Voices for Liberty

Monday, September 10, 6:30 p.m.

Free

John Bridgeland, President & CEO of Civic Enterprises and Vice Chairman of the non-profit Malaria No More; Helen Epstein, author of *The Invisible Cure: Africa, the West, and the Fight Against AIDS*; Nancy Murphy, Senior Vice President for PlayPumps International; and Modesta Nyirenda-Zabula, project manager at Godisa Technologies Trust and designer of low-cost hearing aids, will join the National Constitution Center for a discussion about fighting disease and poverty on the African continent. This important conversation will be held in conjunction with the awarding of the 2007 Liberty Medal to Bono, U2 lead singer and activist, and DATA (Debt, AIDS, Trade, Africa).

Owen J. Roberts Memorial Lecture: The Battle Against Terror: The Judicial Role

Monday, September 17, 5:30 p.m.

Free

The National Constitution Center and the University of Pennsylvania Law School will present the 50th Annual Owen J. Roberts Memorial Lecture on the Constitution, named in memory of the former law school dean who served on the U.S. Supreme Court. This year's lecture is titled *The Battle Against Terror: The Judicial Role* and will be given by Aharon Barak, professor of law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and former President of the Supreme Court of Israel, in celebration of Constitution Day.

Is the Constitution Outdated?

Monday, October 1, 6:30 p.m.

Free

Is the United States Constitution outdated? Has our nation outgrown our founding document or, to the contrary, are we losing sight of the Framers' intent? Larry J. Sabato, founder and director of the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia and author of *Divided States of America*, will debate these questions with the authors of *The Genius of America: How the Constitution Saved Our Country and Why It Can Again*, Michael Oreskes, executive editor of the *International Herald Tribune* and Eric Lane, professor of law at Hofstra University School of Law.

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Children Under the Constitution

Wednesday, November 7, 6:30 p.m.

Free

To mark the 40th anniversary of *In re Gault*, a 1967 Supreme Court case which held that proceedings for juveniles had to comply with the requirements of the Fourteenth Amendment, the National Constitution Center, in partnership with the Juvenile Law Center, will examine the status of children under the Constitution today.

Introducing the *Cephalon Speaker Series on Science and the Constitution*:

The Cephalon Speaker Series for Science and the Constitution is a newly formed partnership between Cephalon, Inc. and the National Constitution Center intended to attract local and national experts to discuss constitutional issues pertaining to the hard sciences, public policy, and the law. From patent litigation and issues of commercial or corporate free speech, to patient health, safety, and bio-ethics questions, this series will generate balanced, thought-provoking discussion and shed light on the relevancy of the United States Constitution to modern scientific thinking.

Regulating the Practice of Medicine

Monday, October 15, 6:30 p.m.

\$12 for members, \$15 for non-members, \$6 for K-12 students and teachers

To kick off the *Cephalon Speaker Series on Science and the Constitution*, the National Constitution Center will host a conversation about how businesses and government promote, regulate, pay for, and prohibit products in the health care industry.

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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