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HOWARD FINEMAN TO DISCUSS HIS NEW BOOK, POLITICS, AND CANDIDATES AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (April 29, 2008) - *Newsweek's* chief political correspondent, **Howard Fineman**, will join the National Constitution Center in the thick of the primary election season to discuss politics, candidates, and his new book, *The Thirteen American Arguments*. The program will take place on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members, and \$6 for K-12 students and teachers. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

In *The Thirteen American Arguments*, Fineman writes that there are thirteen ongoing, essential American arguments from which every debate we have had in the political arena has evolved. Whether it is international trade, interpreting law, Congress vs. the president, or reformers vs. elites, these are the issues that galvanized the Founding Fathers and, Fineman believes, should still inspire our leaders, thinkers, and citizens.

Howard Fineman is a keen observer of the American political landscape. He is the longtime chief political correspondent, senior editor, and deputy Washington bureau chief for *Newsweek*. He is a regular contributor on NBC News and MSNBC. Since 1984, Fineman has interviewed every major presidential candidate. He holds a B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, from Colgate, an M.S. in journalism from Columbia, and a J.D. from the University of Louisville.

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Elisabeth Bumiller, Washington reporter for the *New York Times*, will moderate. Bumiller served as White House correspondent from September 10, 2001 to 2006. Her most recent book, *Condoleezza Rice: An American Life*, was largely written while she served as a public policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center and as a transatlantic fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

A book sale and signing will follow the program, courtesy of Joseph Fox Bookshop.

The National Constitution Center is celebrating the election season with an exciting year long series, ***Election '08: The Power of We***, which is designed to promote voting during the presidential election and active citizenship every day.

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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