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THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER WELCOMES BRANDON YOUNG AS A NEW “FREEDOM RISING” ACTOR

PHILADELPHIA, PA (April 25, 2007) – The National Constitution Center announces the addition of **Brandon Young** to its cast of actors who perform in the Center’s signature “Freedom Rising” theater show.

Young is a native of the Wynnefield section of Philadelphia, and has worked as a professional in the theater industry for the past four years. His credits include performances with the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, including *The Taming of the Shrew* and *Romeo & Juliet*. Some of his other works include the production of *Deep Azure* at the Hip-Hop Theatre Festival and *A Love Song for Mumia* at the National Black Theatre. In addition, Young was nominated for an Audelco Award for his role in the off-off Broadway production of *Lynch Play* at the Firebrand Theatre Company. He currently serves as a program actor for Philadelphia Young Playwrights and has performed in young playwrights' festivals at Philadelphia Theatre Company, Delaware Theatre Company, and McCarter Theatre. He also has a reoccurring role on the upcoming season of HBO's *The Wire*. Brandon holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting from Howard University.

“Freedom Rising” is an award-winning, state-of-the-art multi-media theater experience dedicated to connecting visitors—in a direct, engaging, and unforgettable way—with the story of the U.S. Constitution. This 345-seat theater-in-the-round production incorporates one actor, 360° projection, surprise scenic elements, theatrical-lighting, and a dynamic

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surround soundtrack. The production creates a magical environment in which visitors come to see themselves as a force in the life of the Constitution and the Constitution as an on-going force in all our lives in this country. "Freedom Rising" is performed every 30 minutes during museum hours, and is free with regular museum admission of \$12 for adults, \$11 for seniors ages 65 and up, and \$8 for children ages 4-12. Active military personnel and children ages 3 and under are free.

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. Opened on July 4, 2003, the Constitution Center is 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, serving 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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