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“VINO VITAE” FIVE-COURSE ITALIAN DINNER AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

In Conjunction with the Ancient Rome & America Exhibition

Philadelphia, PA (March 4, 2010) – Visitors to the National Constitution Center can enjoy an exclusive tour of the world debut exhibition, *Ancient Rome & America*, followed by “Vino Vitae,” a celebration of Italian food and wine, on Thursday, March 25, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The five-course dinner will feature wine pairings from Italy’s Mastroberardino winery, selected by certified sommelier Salvatore Galati. Tickets cost \$149 per person and \$129 for Constitution Center members. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

The dinner, prepared by the Center’s exclusive caterer, Max & Me, will include seared cod with pappardelle, broccoli rabe, roasted peppers, calamata olives, extra virgin olive oil and oven-roasted tomato basil broth drizzle, garnished with crispy calamari; classic risotto, served with porcini mushrooms and fava beans, finished with parmigiano reggiano and toasted focaccia; blood orange sorbet; braised short ribs osso bucco style with Chianti, tomatoes, fennel, garlic, and onions served with roasted garlic soft polenta and sautéed baby spinach; followed by tiramisu cake with fresh berries. A complete listing of menu and wine selections is available at www.constitutioncenter.org.

Mastroberardino is the preeminent winery in the Campania region of Italy, home to the ancient city of Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius. For nearly three centuries, the Mastroberardino family has been dedicated to producing wines in the traditional

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Campanian/Roman style, and has been recognized by the Italian government for their contribution to preserving the region's vinous history. On behalf of Winebow, the importer and distributor of Mastroberardino wines, Salvatore Galati specializes in educating the public on the subject of wine.

Through August 1, 2010, the National Constitution Center is hosting the world debut of *Ancient Rome & America*, a multi-million dollar, artifact-rich exhibition showcasing the cultural, political, and social connections between the lost world of ancient Rome and modern America. The 8,000 square foot exhibition, featuring a never-before-seen collection of artifacts, was created by the Center in partnership with Contemporanea Progetti of Florence, Italy, in collaboration with the Ministero per I Beni e Le Attività Culturali, Rome, Italy.

Admission to *Ancient Rome & America* is \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors ages 65 and up, and \$12 for children ages 4-12. Active military personnel and children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available. Admission to the Center's main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*, including the award-winning theater production "Freedom Rising," is included. iPod audio tours cost an additional \$5. For ticket information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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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,

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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. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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