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## **NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER TO HOST PHILADELPHIA PREMIERE OF HBO POLITICAL DOCUMENTARY, *BY THE PEOPLE: THE ELECTION OF BARACK OBAMA***

Philadelphia, PA (October 12, 2009) – The National Constitution Center will host the Philadelphia premiere of the HBO documentary, *By the People: The Election of Barack Obama*, on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. A question and answer session with directors Amy Rice and Alicia Sams will follow the screening. Admission is free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

Nearly a year before Barack Obama announced his candidacy for the presidency on February 10, 2007, filmmakers Amy Rice and Alicia Sams started rolling cameras on the young senator. *By the People* tracks Obama's progress from longshot candidate to front-runner in the presidential race. The documentary views the historic 2008 election from within the Obama campaign, chronicling wins and losses in key primary races, as well as the controversy stemming from his association with the Reverend Jeremiah Wright, and his historic speech on race delivered at the National Constitution Center.

Produced by Edward Norton, Stuart Blumberg, and William Migliore, *By the People: The Election of Barack Obama* debuts Tuesday, November 3, 2009, exclusively on HBO.

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

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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](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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