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COUPLES CAN FORM A MORE PERFECT UNION WITH AN UNFORGETTABLE WEDDING AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (March 31, 2009) – The National Constitution Center in Historic Philadelphia provides the ideal setting for couples to form “a more perfect Union.” When planning a wedding at the Center, couples can choose from a variety of settings and event options to create a one-of-a-kind, unforgettable celebration. History buffs, Philadelphia fans, architectural admirers, and couples simply looking to make their wedding stand out can all find something unique about the Center to express their personal interests.

Couples can take advantage of unparalleled views of Independence Hall from the **Grand Hall Overlook**. The Center’s premier event space, the Grand Hall Overlook is situated on the second floor with 60-foot high ceilings and floor-to-ceiling windows. This site provides a dedicated area for a cocktail reception, as well as dinner and dancing. The Overlook is the perfect choice for couples who want a sparkling backdrop of Philadelphia at night during their reception.

One of the most-photographed and talked-about spaces inside the Center is ***Signers’ Hall***, where guests can mingle among lifelike bronze statues of the Signers of the Constitution. This unique location serves as a great spot for guests to sign the guestbook. Located within the Grand Hall Overlook, *Signers’ Hall* is also a popular site for wedding photos.

The **Rooftop Terrace**, adjacent to the Grand Hall Overlook, provides an outdoor option for a wedding ceremony or cocktail reception. The Terrace can accommodate up to 250 guests and provides the same view of Independence Hall as the Grand Hall Overlook.

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Located on the main floor of the Center, the **Grand Hall Main Lobby** can accommodate up to 250 guests for either a circular or theater style ceremony. Brides can make a dramatic entrance as they make their way down the Grand Staircase.

The Center is also an ideal setting for engagement parties, bridal showers, and rehearsal dinners. With spaces in a variety of sizes, the Center can help couples celebrate milestones on their way to the big day. The **John C. Bogle Chairman's Room** features a glass-enclosed terrace with stunning views of Independence Hall from the highest vantage point in the facility. This intimate space also has a built-in projection screen for displaying pictures and videos of special memories. For mid-size parties, the **Delegates' Restaurant** offers beautiful views of the Center's courtyard, while the **Private Dining Room** serves as the perfect location for intimate gatherings.

Combining outstanding cuisine with top notch customer service, the Center's exclusive in-house catering company, **Max & Me Catering**, will put couples at ease, handling everything from the cocktails through the cake cutting. Max & Me offers catering packages ranging from traditional plated dinners to trendy dinner stations, which can be customized to meet any couple's preferences. Max & Me can also add distinctive touches such as ice sculptures, chocolate fountains, and photo booths. All food and beverage is prepared on-site by Max & Me's Executive Chef, providing quality control and seamless service.

For added convenience, the Center has an on-site parking garage with a dedicated security guard. Valet service is also available. Additional amenities include coat check service on the main floor and use of the Center's Video Wall on the Grand Hall Overlook to display pictures, videos, or messages for guests above the dance floor. In addition, a green room is provided with every wedding package for moments when the bride and groom need to catch their breath.

Couples interested in holding their wedding at the Center may request an information packet, including facility rental rates, sample menus from Max & Me catering, and

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suggested florists, photographers, transportation, and entertainment vendors. For more information, contact Kellie Brielmaier, Senior Manager of Facility Rentals, at 215.409.6780.

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

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IMAGES AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD:

A couple poses for wedding photos among bronze statues of the Signers of the Constitution in *Signers' Hall* at the National Constitution Center

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A couple takes their first dance under the American flag on the National Constitution Center's Grand Hall Overlook

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A dramatic wedding arrangement on the National Constitution Center's Grand Hall Overlook
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A circular style ceremony in the National Constitution Center's Grand Hall Main Lobby
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A beautiful wedding ceremony takes place in the National Constitution Center's Grand Hall Main Lobby

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A dramatic wedding arrangement on the National Constitution Center's Grand Hall Overlook

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A classic wedding arrangement on the National Constitution Center's Grand Hall Overlook

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