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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER OPENS NEW CHILDREN'S SHOW, "YOUR BILL OF RIGHTS" ON JULY 4

Philadelphia, PA (July 2004) – Look out James Madison. “Your Bill of Rights,” opening at the National Constitution Center on July 4, 2004, will have kids shouting out the first ten Amendments in no time. The 15-minute show, which will run continuously during regular museum hours, is an engaging theatrical performance specially designed for elementary- to middle school-age children. Utilizing mechanical objects, video, music, animation and special effects, “Your Bill of Rights” entertains visitors with a dramatic explanation of each of the first ten Amendments.

Created by the Science Museum of Minnesota, the show is a form of “object theatre,” featuring animated statues of Uncle Sam and Justine, a statue of justice. Sam and Justine act as hosts of the program, relying on the Founding Fathers, the fifty states and other dynamic characters to depict the Amendments through a series of songs and vignettes. Visitors will even hear the voice of Alex Trebek in a Jeopardy skit about the Seventh Amendment. “Your Bill of Rights” even has a grand finale that includes a special surprise for the audience.

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“Your Bill of Rights’ defies the stereotype of a museum exhibit by delivering information about a complex and important subject in an innovative way that children will be able to appreciate,” said Richard Stengel, President and CEO of the National Constitution Center. “We are confident that our youngest, and even our not so young, citizens will come away from their experience at the Center smiling and eager to learn more about the rights guaranteed to us in the Constitution.

“Your Bill of Rights” is located in the Family Theater, accessible through the Richard and Helen DeVos Exhibit Hall on the second floor. The show is included in the regular admission price. “Your Bill of Rights” runs on the quarter and three-quarter hours, starting at 10:15 a.m. and ending at 4:15 p.m.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia’s Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization established by Congress in 1988 to increase understanding of the U.S. Constitution and its relevance to the daily lives of Americans. It is the first museum in the world devoted to dramatically telling the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibit components, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts. The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education and debates; and as a home for visiting scholars and experts. The National Constitution Center is the first museum in the country designated as a member of the National Archives Experience Alliance Initiative. For more information, please call 215.923.0004 or visit the Center’s Web site at www.constitutioncenter.org.

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