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STORYCORPS FOUNDER DAVE ISAY AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (November 13, 2007) – The National Constitution Center welcomes StoryCorps founder **Dave Isay** for a conversation about storytelling and his new book, *Listening Is an Act of Love: A Celebration of American Life* from the StoryCorps Project. This program will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members, and \$6 for K-12 students and teachers. Reservations are required and can be made online at www.constitutioncenter.org or by calling 215.409.6700.

StoryCorps, the most ambitious oral history project in American history, is a tapestry of the stories Americans have been sharing from their lives, capturing for posterity the issues that define us as “We, the People” and bond us as a nation. Using two mobile recording booths, the project travels across the United States, capturing the stories of ordinary Americans. These interviews of everyday average citizens are then stored at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress, where they serve as an oral history of America, and are preserved for future generations

In *Listening Is an Act of Love*, Isay selects some of the most remarkable stories from the vast StoryCorps collection and arranges them thematically into a moving portrait of American life. The voices connect readers to real people and their lives – from experiences of profound joy, sadness, courage and despair, to good times and hard times, to good deeds and misdeeds.

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Dave Isay is an award-winning NPR documentary producer and MacArthur Genius Award fellow. He is the founder of StoryCorps and its parent company, Sound Portraits Productions. Over the past sixteen years, his radio documentary and feature work has won almost every award in broadcasting, including four Peabody Awards, two Robert F. Kennedy Awards, and two Livingston Awards for young journalists. He is the author (or co-author) of four books based on Sound Portraits radio stories, including *Holding On, Our America: Life and Death on the South Side of Chicago*, and *Flophouse: Life on the Bowery*.

This program will be introduced by Fresh Air's **Terry Gross**. **Jane Eisner**, Vice President for National Programs and Initiatives at the National Constitution Center, will moderate.

A book sale and signing will follow the program, courtesy of Joseph Fox Bookshop.

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. 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.

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