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Franklin's own words narrate the exhibition, which was designed in the spirit of his curiosity, wit and wisdom. Highlights include:

- **Original copies of five of America's founding documents**, the *Albany Plan*, the *Declaration of Independence*, the *Treaty of Amity*, the *Treaty of Paris*, and the *Constitution*.
- **More than 250 priceless original items from 90 lenders**, including many owned by Franklin's family and never before displayed in public, including:
 - Portrait of Deborah and Franklin's son, Frankie, who died at age 4.
 - The Franklin family Bible, given by Franklin to his daughter Sally; records births and deaths to the present.
 - Franklin's silver marrow spoon, with adopted family crest. Marrow spoons were used to extricate the marrow from meat bones and were "required" in wealthy, mid-18th century British households.
 - The portrait of Polly (Mary) Stevenson Hewson, the daughter of Franklin's London landlord and his surrogate daughter when he lived abroad. Portrait was recently found after having been lost for decades.
- **More than 40 interactive devices**, featuring special effects, hands-on opportunities and family-centered fun.
- **Six whimsical cartoon animations**, telling different Franklin vignettes, at electronic kiosks throughout the exhibition. Titles are *The Whistle*, *Brave Men at Fires*, *A China Bowl with a Spoon of Silver*, *The Window*, *Swimming by Kite*, *Dialogue Between the Gout*, and *Mr. Franklin*.
- **25-foot model ship** that visitors can climb aboard to recreate Franklin's method of charting the Gulf Stream.
- **Seeking Opportunity**, computer game. In this choose-your-own-adventure type game, you are 21, newly finished your apprenticeship and you want to travel from Boston to Philadelphia to find your way in the world (just as Ben Franklin did). Choose your profession, decide your method of travel, and take off. You never know what luck and life have in store for you. Game available online as well, so you can play from anywhere – an innovation Franklin would love.

National Constitution Center Members will be the first to reserve their tickets to the world premiere exhibition when they become available exclusively to them on September 29, 2005. Members of the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary consortium institutions, which include the American Philosophical Society, The Franklin Institute, the Library Company of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the University of Pennsylvania, will also have the opportunity to purchase tickets beginning on October 15, 2005. Then, on November 1, 2005, tickets will go on sale to the general public.

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