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FILM AND TELEVISION WRITER JONATHAN HENNESSEY PRESENTS *THE CONSTITUTION: A GRAPHIC ADAPTATION* AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (October 1, 2008) – In an exciting program for all ages, the National Constitution Center will welcome veteran film and television writer, **Jonathan Hennessey**, to present a groundbreaking way to read and understand the United States Constitution. In *The United States Constitution: A Graphic Adaptation*, Hennessey uses the popular medium of graphic art to illustrate and breathe new life into our nation's cornerstone principles. This program will take place on Wednesday, October 22, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

During the program, Hennessey will present portions of the book with an animated, multimedia slideshow produced from Aaron McConnell's artwork. These highlights will focus on "myth-busting" common assumptions about American law and politics, and making a provocative case for both its flaws and its enduring ingeniousness. Hennessey will also give a behind-the-scenes look at how a graphic novel is made.

Jonathan Hennessey is a writer living in Los Angeles. A ten-year veteran of the film and television production industry, Hennessey also works as a story analyst for Phoenix Pictures. *The United States Constitution: A Graphic Adaptation* is his first graphic book.

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

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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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