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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER KICKS OFF WINTER SEASON WITH CRAFTS, CHOIRS, BILL OF RIGHTS CELEBRATION

Philadelphia, PA (November 11, 2004) – Celebrate the holidays – and your rights – at the National Constitution Center throughout the month of December, with the Bill of Rights Day, a Winter Celebration, a Winter Festival, and weekend musical performances.

The museum will commemorate the ratification of the first ten Amendments on December 15, the 213th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights, with a special celebration and “Constitutional Quest” for kids. Young visitors and their parents are encouraged to stop by the “Your Bill of Rights” show in the exhibit, running every 30 minutes beginning at 10:15 a.m. These events are included with a regular museum admission ticket.

The National Constitution Center will feature a Winter Celebration during museum hours (9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) on Saturday, December 18. Kids can create their own winter coloring and activity book and other crafts, as well as learn about how the Constitution has had an effect on holiday celebrations in America. These events are all free.

The museum will also host a Winter Festival during museum hours from Sunday, December 26 – Friday, December 31, during which kids can create make-and-take crafts at the museum, participate in scavenger hunts, and more. On Sunday, December 26, visitors are invited to bring their holiday photos and create a special scrapbook with professional scrapbook artist Marilyn Heywood Paige. Paige will offer instructions and tips on how to preserve holiday photos from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All of these events are free, with the exception of the scavenger hunts, which require a regular museum admission ticket.

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In addition, every weekend during the month, visitors can stop by the Constitution Center and listen to free musical performances by students from local groups. The schedule is as follows:

- Sunday, December 5, 12:30 p.m.: Shooting Stars from the Upper Darby Summer Stage
- Saturday, December 11, 12:00 p.m.: Upper Darby High School Choir
- Sunday, December 12, 2:00 p.m.: Shipley School Choir
- Sunday, December 19, 3:00 p.m.: New Jersey Master Chorale

Children are also invited to participate in storytime throughout the month of December. Please call 215.409.6600 for details.

The National Constitution Center is open seven days a week, and admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors ages 62 and up, children ages 4-12, and military personnel. Group rates are also available. For more information, call 215.409.6600 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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 its relevance to Americans' daily lives. Opened on July 3, 2003, 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 and debates, and as a home for visiting scholars. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional debate, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contains diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues.

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