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## **FOURTH OF JULY: THE ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE AND THE GREAT AMERICAN HOLIDAY AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

PHILADELPHIA, PA (May 8, 2006) – Independence Day seems to go hand-in-hand with barbecues, fireworks, picnics, parades, baseball games, the beach, and the colors of red, white, and blue. Celebrate the history of this iconic American holiday with the Independence Day Show, May 29, 2006 through September 4, 2006 at the National Constitution Center. Held daily in the Grand Hall Lobby from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the show explores the history of the most American of holidays, which started the original 13 colonies on the road to freedom as a sovereign nation. The Independence Day Show is free and does not require museum admission.

The Fourth of July has always been celebrated with a bang! From protests to canons, flag waving to parades, and complete with explosive words and fiery demonstrations, the Independence Day Show takes an in depth look at this exciting celebration by exploring it over time from the very first words of independence to present day.

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## ADD ONE/INDEPENDENCE DAY SHOW

Located at 525 Arch Street on Philadelphia's historic Independence Mall, the National Constitution Center is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. Opened on July 4, 2003, the Constitution Center is 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".

From May 26 through August 20, 2006 the National Constitution Center is hosting ***Sports: Breaking Records, Breaking Barriers***, a Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition that tells the stories of 35 athletes and their performances in 17 different sports. The exhibit also features an exclusive National Constitution Center created section, *Local Legends*, as a tribute to hometown heroes who have made a difference in the Philadelphia sports community. *Sports: Breaking Records, Breaking Barriers* is free with regular museum admission of \$9 for adults and \$7 for seniors ages 62 and up, children ages 4-12, and active military personnel. Children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available. For ticket information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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