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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER FEATURES SPECIAL EXHIBIT, PROGRAMMING IN CONJUNCTION WITH LIVE 8 CONCERT

Philadelphia, PA (June 23, 2005) – In honor of the Philadelphia Live 8 Concert, the National Constitution Center will feature a special exhibit and program during the July 4 weekend.

Beginning July 1, the National Constitution Center, in partnership with The Philadelphia Inquirer, will feature a photography exhibit titled “***Africa Live: Concerts for a Continent. Twenty Years of Philadelphia Inquirer Photography from Live Aid to Live 8.*** Highlighting stories by Inquirer photographers in some of Africa's most persistently troubled areas.” The exhibit includes images from the Inquirer’s photography archives from the 1985 Live Aid concert in Philadelphia along with photographs from the Inquirer’s “20 Years of Africa” web series to increase awareness of the concert’s mission. Additional photographs from the Live 8 concert will also be displayed shortly after July 2. The exhibit will be held in Posterity Hall through Labor Day and is free with regular museum admission. *See extended versions of the photo essays and hear from the photographers at: <http://go.philly.com/live8>*

In addition, the National Constitution Center will extend its hours on Friday, July 1, as part of First Friday, as well as for special programming to preview Live 8. The museum will remain open until 8:00 p.m., and visitors will enjoy FREE admission from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. to all the exhibits – including this special photography exhibit, the Center’s permanent exhibition, the new *Lincoln* exhibit, and performances of the award-winning multimedia show, “Freedom Rising”.

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The National Constitution Center is also hosting a free program about issues relating to Live 8 for Friday, July 1 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

Located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, the National Constitution Center 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 4, 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". From June 10 through November 4, the museum is also featuring its first new traveling exhibition, *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*. The Center is open seven days a week, and admission is \$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 more information, call 215.409.6600 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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