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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER AND ONCE UPON A NATION OFFER SUMMER EVENING FUN FOR EVERYONE DURING *HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA NIGHTS* SERIES

Philadelphia, PA (July 13, 2007) – The National Constitution Center and Once Upon A Nation are offering exciting evening events on Fridays and Saturdays from July 13 through August 18, 2007, as part of the *Historic Philadelphia Nights* series, presented with marketing support by the Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation. From quiz shows and miniature golf to karaoke and dining with the Founding Fathers, these activities will provide the ideal summer weekend fun in the heart of Philadelphia's historic district.

The National Constitution Center will hold extended hours from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, excluding Friday, July 27. Friday nights will focus on activities and entertainment for adults during **Happy Hour with the Founders**, where guests can enjoy local bands performing on the Terrace, games, and a cash bar. Every Friday night, the Center will also offer a "Lives of the Founders: Uncovered" tour at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. This guided tour will give visitors the inside scoop on the scandals, affairs, and feuds of the founders. On July 13, August 3, and August 17, visitors can participate in Philadelphia's favorite live quiz show, Quizzo with Johnny Goodtimes. Prizes include movie passes and restaurant gift certificates. On August 10, guests can also enjoy tango lessons from Amore Tango from 5:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays at the Center will feature fun for the whole family during **Carnival Nights**, complete with trivia games, carnival activities, face painting, balloon artists, and karaoke. Children will also have the opportunity to become a part of *Signers' Hall* by having their faces painted bronze like the statues of the signers!

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On both Fridays and Saturdays, additional showings of the Center's award-winning theater show, "Freedom Rising", will run at 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. All activities are free with regular museum admission. Refreshments from Delegates' Restaurant will be available for purchase. After 6:00 p.m., all visitors will receive buy-one-get-one-free admission when they present a receipt (dated from that day) from any restaurant in Old City. Guests can also receive \$2 off adult admission when they show their Historic Philadelphia Trolley Loop wristband. This promotion is valid anytime of day, but cannot be combined with any other promotions. Historic Philadelphia Nights at the National Constitution Center are free for members.

Once Upon A Nation's Franklin Square, located across the street from the National Constitution Center, is open evenings throughout the summer, as Philadelphia's newest destination in America's most historic square mile, reclaiming green space for Philadelphia residents and further enlivening the Historic District. The new elements include the *Philadelphia Park* Liberty Carousel, Philly Mini Golf, two playgrounds, Philly snacks, and a renovated Franklin Square Fountain. Franklin Square is open until 9:00 p.m. every night.

Once Upon A Nation brings history to life with the popular **Independence After Hours Evening Adventure Tour**. This evening walking tour visits some of the landmarks of Philadelphia's Historic District and is populated with Colonial characters who bring history to life right in the place where it happened. Tour takers walk through the shadows of Independence Hall (in this exclusive opportunity to visit inside the Hall at night, with no crowds) and experience what those late nights of the summer of 1776 were like for the Founding Fathers. The evening begins with a delicious three-course meal at the Historic City Tavern where Colonial townspeople entertain guests. Fictional tour guide Isaac Walterson then "sneaks" everyone into the Pennsylvania State House (Independence Hall), once he talks his way past the vigilant night watchman. Once inside the Hall, visitors witness several Founding Fathers deep in discussion over the creation of the Declaration of Independence. Guests continue their evening with the spectacular Lights of Liberty Show. Independence After Hours runs Friday and Saturday nights at 5:30 p.m., departing from the Independence Living History Center, 3rd & Chestnut Streets. Tickets are \$76 adults, \$70 student/senior/military, and \$50 children 12 & under.

Every Friday night, Once Upon A Nation screens the timeless musical classic, *1776: The Movie-Musical*, as an interactive movie-going experience where visitors become a part of the action, complete

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with sing-a-longs and props (provided). It's an hysterically historical treat for the entire family. Screenings are at 7:00 p.m. every Friday at the Independence Living History Center, 3rd & Chestnut Streets. Cost is \$12 adults, \$10 student/senior/military, and \$8 children 12 & under, and the price includes a Colonial Goody Bag of props. Pizza parties are also available at 1776.

Once Upon A Nation is an initiative of Historic Philadelphia, Inc. (HPI). Historic Philadelphia, Inc. enhances the visitor experience and helps strengthen Philadelphia's tourism Industry through interpretation and interaction, making our nation's history relevant and real. HPI is a non-profit organization founded in 1994 by then-Mayor Edward G. Rendell. HPI oversees Once Upon A Nation, The Betsy Ross House, and Franklin Square, and works closely with Historic District stakeholders and the hospitality community from the entire Greater Philadelphia Region to continue to help build Philadelphia's tourism industry into an engine for economic growth. For more information, call 215-629-4026 or visit www.onceuponanation.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 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". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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