

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

525 Arch Street | Independence Mall
Philadelphia | PA 19106 | T 215 409 6600 | F 215 409 6650
www.constitutioncenter.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACTS: Denise Venuti Free
Director of Public Relations
215.409.6636
dvfree@constitutioncenter.org

Ashley Berke
Public Relations Coordinator
215.409.6693
aberke@constitutioncenter.org

EXPLORE THE CONTROVERSIAL NEW FILM *UNITED 93* AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER *As part of the Constitution Culture Club series*

PHILADELPHIA, PA (May 4, 2006) – Join the National Constitution Center's Culture Club on Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. for a discussion about the controversial new film *United 93*, which chronicles the heroic last moments of the passengers of United Airlines Flight 93 on September 11, 2001. The film is an emotional one and Culture Club participants will have the opportunity to discuss the film and the issues it raises in terms of both the 9/11 tragedy and the ethics involved in showing the film. Admission is free for National Constitution Center members and college students, and \$5 for non-members. Advance reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700. Attendance is limited to 45 participants on a first come, first serve basis.

The memories of the attacks of September 11, 2001, now close to five years old, are still etched boldly in the minds of most Americans. In *United 93*, director Paul Greengrass offers an honest, real time look at the events that occurred on United Airlines Flight 93 and how a group of strangers worked together to crash the plane into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania rather than allowing it to head towards the U.S. Capitol. The film has sparked controversy over the question of whether or not it is too soon for the American public to view such a movie.

-MORE-

ADD ONE/*UNITED* 93 PROGRAM

The Culture Club meets monthly to discuss the current constitutional issues we encounter in our daily lives through the lens of new books, film, television, theater, and other cultural activities. Similar to a traditional book club, participants will be expected to have experienced the subject of the month before attending.

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 and debates, and is a partner of NPR's "Justice Talking," a program of the Annenberg Public Policy Center. Also, serving 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 215.409.6600 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

###