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WINTER WONDERLAND CELEBRATION AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER!

PHILADELPHIA, PA (December 8, 2005) — As the temperature drops and the season winds down, the National Constitution Center presents a week long **Winter Wonderland Celebration**. Each day from Monday, December 26 through Sunday, January 1, the Center will focus on a different winter tradition or Benjamin Franklin themed activity.

The National Constitution Center will kick off Winter Wonderland with “Franklin Follies” on December 26 and 27. After visiting the new exhibition, *Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World*, visitors can create Franklin themed crafts and participate in papermaking, printmaking, and other Franklin trades.

“New Years Resolution Day,” December 28, will prepare for the coming year with a special craft designed to get visitors thinking about their resolutions.

What is the forecast for December 29? Find out during “Winter Weather Days” and CBS 3’s Kidcaster Auditions! Children can audition to be a TV weathercaster and the winner will be chosen by CBS 3 staffers to deliver an actual forecast on CBS 3’s Eyewitness News telecast. Children can bring their own forecast or make one up on site. In addition, Ron Beimel of Max & Me Catering, the exclusive caterer of the National Constitution Center, will carve an ice sculpture. (Don’t be surprised if it has a something to do with Benjamin Franklin!) Other highlights of the day include a winter themed movie and a special snowflake craft.

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“Winter Weather Days” continues on Friday, December 30. Visitors can make snow cones, visit with Rinky from the Penn’s Landing River Rink and view the movie “Ben & Me” presented by Radio Disney at 11 a.m. “Ben & Me” is the story of Franklin’s life, retold to show how his most influential moments were made possible with the help of a church mouse.

Saturday, December 31 pays tribute to the Philadelphia tradition of the Mummers Parade. Children can create Mummers Masks or 2006 glasses to welcome the New Year. On New Years Day, the Eagles game and Mummers Parade will be shown on the giant screen on the Overlook.

All Winter Wonderland events are free and open to the public. Museum admission is not included. For more information, visit www.constitutioncenter.org or call 215-409-6700.

Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World, a blockbuster exhibition celebrating Franklin’s 300th birthday, makes its world premiere at the National Constitution Center from December 15, 2005, through April 30, 2006. Created by the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary, this exhibition is being hosted locally by CBS 3. Tickets for the exhibition, which also include regular museum admission, are \$14 for adults; \$12 for children ages 4-12, seniors, and college students; and \$8.50 for groups of 20 or more. For advance tickets, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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 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”.

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