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THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER ANNOUNCES PARTICIPANTS OF THE 2016 LIBERTY MEDAL CEREMONY HONORING U.S. REPRESENTATIVE AND CIVIL RIGHTS ICON JOHN LEWIS

Byron Pitts of ABC News to emcee and Mother Bethel AME Church Choir to perform

Philadelphia, PA (September 13, 2016) – The National Constitution Center released additional details today about its 2016 Liberty Medal Ceremony taking place Monday, September 19, 2016, honoring U.S. Representative John Lewis. Byron Pitts, ABC News *Nightline* co-anchor and chief national correspondent will emcee the event and Mother Bethel American Methodist Episcopal Church Choir will perform. Please see a full list of ceremony participants below.

Participants in the Liberty Medal Ceremony (in alphabetical order):

Amy Gutmann, president of the University of Pennsylvania
Sherrilyn Ifill, president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund
Jim Kenney, mayor of Philadelphia
John Lewis, U.S. Representative
Cynthia MacLeod, National Historic Park Superintendent
Byron Pitts, ABC News *Nightline* co-anchor and chief national correspondent
Ed Rendell, former governor of Pennsylvania
Jeffrey Rosen, president and CEO of the National Constitution Center
Vince Stango, chief operating officer of the National Constitution Center
Mother Bethel American Methodist Episcopal Church Choir

Editor's Note: A credential application for reporting media can be found online at constitutioncenter.org/libertymedal/media.html.

Tickets to the Liberty Medal's exclusive Pre-Ceremony Receptions and Post-Ceremony Gala are currently available for purchase. For details, visit constitutioncenter.org/libertymedal or call Bianca Cavacini at 215-409-6715.

The National Constitution Center's 28th annual Liberty Medal Ceremony will take place rain or shine at **7 p.m. on Monday, September 19**, at the National Constitution Center on Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia. The event will be taped by WPVI-TV/6ABC for broadcast on Sunday, October 2 at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 23 at 1:30 p.m. Viewers can watch the event live at www.6abc.com. Additional broadcast dates and stations will be announced later.

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National Constitution Center Trustee, Ira Lubert of Lubert Adler, will sponsor the Liberty Medal award in 2016, as he has for the past nine years. Citizens Bank, which has sponsored the Liberty Medal since 2006, has returned as Chairman's Reception Sponsor. Stradley Ronon, LLP has also returned as the President's Reception Sponsor for the fourth consecutive year.

About the National Constitution Center

The [National Constitution Center](http://constitutioncenter.org) in Philadelphia inspires citizenship as the only place where people across America and around the world can come together to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. A private, nonprofit organization, the Center serves as America's leading platform for constitutional education and debate, fulfilling its Congressional charter "to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a nonpartisan basis." As the **Museum of We the People**, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits. As **America's Town Hall**, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms. As a center for **Civic Education**, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire, excite, and engage citizens about the U.S. Constitution. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit constitutioncenter.org.

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