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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER, ONCE UPON A NATION, AND WHY OFFER HALLOWEEN FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Philadelphia, PA (October 2, 2007) – From ghost stories and trick-or-treating to pumpkin carving and haunted tours, there is something for everyone during Halloween in Historic Philadelphia with the National Constitution Center, Once Upon A Nation, and WHYY.

Visitors to the National Constitution Center can experience a haunted history Halloween during the **Bill of Frights** celebration on Saturday, October 20, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A highlight of this year's annual Halloween event includes museum-wide trick-or-treating, during which children can follow a trail throughout the museum, receiving goodies along the way. Kids ages 12 and under will receive a free Halloween goodie bag to use during this event (available while supplies last). In addition, guests can hear scary stories about death rituals throughout American history and the history of Halloween. Visitors who purchase tickets to the *First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image* exhibit will also have the opportunity to carve Jack O Lanterns and create Lincoln Hats.

In addition, B101 FM will be at the Center with fun and entertainment for the whole family. Guests will have the chance to meet members of the B-Crew, take part in face painting and balloon art, and enjoy special appearances from BUZZBEE!

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ADD ONE/HALLOWEEN 2007

All Halloween activities at the National Constitution Center are free with museum admission. Visitors who bring a Franklin Square Mini Golf ticket stub will receive \$1 off adult admission. Children in costume will receive free museum admission with the purchase of adult admission.

Visitors can step back in time with Once Upon A Nation's **Cobwebs & Cobblestones**, as a spooky guide leads them on a bone-chilling tour of Historic Philadelphia, including Christ Church Burial Ground, the Free Quaker Meeting House, and Franklin Square. The Cobwebs & Cobblestones tour takes place at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays from Friday, October 12 through Saturday, October 27, 2007. Tickets cost \$25 for adults; \$23 for seniors, students, and active military personnel; and \$20 for children ages 12 and under. Cobwebs & Cobblestones is not recommended for children under age 10. Tickets can be purchased at 215.629.4026 or at the Independence Living History Center box office at 3rd and Chestnut Streets.

In addition, guests at Once Upon A Nation's Franklin Square, located at 6th and Race Streets, will enjoy a **Pumpkin Patch** on Saturday, October 13, 2007 and Saturday, October 20, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (or until supplies last). Rain dates for the Pumpkin Patch are Sunday, October 14, 2007 and Sunday, October 21, 2007. Special Halloween storytelling sessions and snacks will also be provided. On Saturday, October 27, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (or until supplies last), Once Upon A Nation will present a free **Trick-or-Treat Trail**, presented by Blank Rome LLP. The rain date for the Trail is Sunday, October 28, 2007.

Children and their families can also enjoy Philly Mini Golf and the Philadelphia Park Liberty Carousel. Kids in costume will receive a free ride on the Carousel. Franklin Square was awarded *Philadelphia* magazine's Best of Philly 2007 as the "Best Play Space for Kids." Franklin Square's fall hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday through Sunday.

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ADD TWO/HALLOWEEN 2007

Visitors can join WHY Y for their biggest **Y Kids Club Party** of the year on Saturday, October 20, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the WHY Y Technology Center. Children are encouraged to come dressed in costume to meet Clifford the Big Red Dog, decorate pumpkins, make crafts, and enjoy other fun activities, refreshments, and giveaways. Guests can RSVP at why.org/kidsclub.

About the National Constitution Center

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. The Center serves as 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.

About Once Upon A Nation

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.

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About WHY

WHYY is what a diverse community has in common. WHY, through television, radio and other communications services, makes our region a better place, connecting each of us to the world's richest ideas and all of us to each other.

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