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NEWSWEEK EDITOR JON MEACHAM DISCUSSES THE LIFE OF ANDREW JACKSON AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (October 29, 2008) – At a moment when the American public is focused on the presidency and how presidents lead the nation, the National Constitution Center welcomes back *Newsweek* editor **Jon Meacham** for a discussion about his biography of President Andrew Jackson. This program will take place on Monday, November 24, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

Meacham's book, *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House*, is a portrait of how Jackson – an orphan, battle-hardened warrior, founder of the Democratic Party, and architect of the modern presidency – rose from nothing to the pinnacle of power. Drawing on newly discovered family letters and papers, Meacham details the human drama that shaped Jackson's private world through years of storm and victory. Beloved and hated, venerated and reviled, Jackson had a mystical connection to ordinary people and gave voice to the hopes and fears of a restless, changing nation facing challenging times at home and threats abroad. He moved the White House from the periphery of government to the center of national action, and influenced some of the greatest presidents who followed.

Jon Meacham is the editor of *Newsweek*, supervising coverage of politics, international affairs, and breaking news. He has also written cover stories on war, politics, religion, and race, among other topics. Meacham is the author of the *New York Times* bestsellers *Franklin and Winston: An Intimate Portrait of an Epic Friendship* and *American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers, and the Making of a Nation*.

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A book sale and signing will follow the program, courtesy of Joseph Fox Bookshop.

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. Also, 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 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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