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## **2008 LIBERTY MEDAL CEREMONY TICKETS AVAILABLE ON AUGUST 26, 2008**

Philadelphia, PA (August 4, 2008) – The National Constitution Center's 2008 Liberty Medal will be awarded to former Soviet leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner Mikhail Gorbachev for his courageous role in ending the dangerous, decades-long Cold War and in giving hope and freedom to millions who lived behind the Iron Curtain. The public Liberty Medal ceremony will take place on Thursday, September 18, 2008, at the National Constitution Center in Historic Philadelphia, and will set the stage for international commemoration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall in 2009.

A quantity of ceremony tickets are free (\$7.00 per ticket service charge) and available to the public on a first come, first served basis. **Tickets can be ordered from ComcastTIX at 1-888-633-2572 beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 26, 2008.** Callers are limited to two tickets per person. National Constitution Center members can call on Monday, August 25, 2008 beginning at 10:00 a.m. to order tickets (no service charge will apply).

The Medal will be presented to Gorbachev by President George H.W. Bush, Chairman of the National Constitution Center. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice will make remarks, and Governor Edward G. Rendell and Mayor Michael A. Nutter will participate in the ceremony.

The Liberty Medal ceremony will be broadcast live on CBS 3 on Thursday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m. The CW Philly 57 will rebroadcast the ceremony that same evening at 10:00 p.m. CBS 3 (KYW-TV) and The CW Philly 57 (WPSG-TV) are part of CBS Television Stations, a division of CBS Corporation.

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Established in 1988 by We the People 200 to commemorate the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, the Liberty Medal annually honors men and women of courage and conviction who strive to secure the blessings of liberty to people across the world.

Ira Lubert and Independence Capital Partners will co-sponsor the 2008 Liberty Medal Award. The Liberty Medal is also generously supported by the Dorrance H. Hamilton Charitable Lead Trust. Citizens Bank is the presenting sponsor for the President's Reception prior to the Liberty Medal ceremony.

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](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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