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**LISA NUTTER AND FILMMAKER BEN HEROLD DISCUSS
THE JOURNEY FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO HIGHER EDUCATION
AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER
As Part of "Philadelphia Talks" Series**

Philadelphia, PA (August 18, 2008) – The National Constitution Center and *Philadelphia* magazine will present a special "Philadelphia Talks" program about public education and the journey from high school to higher education, featuring **Lisa Nutter**, President of Philadelphia Academies, Inc. The Center will also screen the 90-minute documentary film, "First Person," and hear from Producer/Director **Benjamin Herold** and students featured in the film about how we can expand opportunities for America's youth as they pursue college or a career. Program attendees will learn how they can aid youth by creating internships, mentorships, and scholarships. The program will take place on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Admission is free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700. This event is presented in partnership with *Philadelphia* magazine as part of "Philadelphia Talks," a series of unique discussions about the hottest issues confronting our city.

Lisa Nutter is the First Lady of Philadelphia and President of Philadelphia Academies, Inc., a non-profit youth development organization working to change life outcomes for kids using first-of-its kind career academies. Philadelphia Academies, Inc. expands life and economic options for Philadelphia public school students through career-focused programming that prepares young people for employment and secondary education. Mrs. Nutter's professional background includes work in the fields of education, community organizing, human services, community development, and arts and culture. She has a B.S. in Psychology from the Pennsylvania State University and an M.A. in City Planning from the University of Pennsylvania.

Benjamin Herold, who won the SCION Award for Best First-Time Film Director at the 2008 Philadelphia Film Festival, is the Producer and Director of the documentary feature film, "First Person." He holds a Master's Degree in Urban Education from Temple University.

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"First Person," winner of the Best Documentary (Festival of Independents) in the 2008 Philadelphia Film Festival, takes viewers inside the challenges of pursuing college while navigating the responsibilities of family, the pressures of the streets, and the obstacles presented by a school system that fails to graduate almost half of its students.

Larry Platt, Editor-in-Chief of *Philadelphia* magazine, will moderate the program.

In 2008, *Philadelphia* magazine, the oldest and most acclaimed city magazine in the nation, celebrates 100 years of chronicling the people, ideas and events of this region. *Philadelphia* magazine serves as the authoritative voice on Philadelphia's most defining moments. Each month, an award winning editorial team provides topical, in-depth reports on a multitude of issues confronting the region—from reviews of the cultural, sports, and entertainment scene to business trends and political analysis. *Philadelphia* magazine continues to serve as the region's expert source on luxury lifestyle including matters of travel, shopping, money, food, fashion, home and health.

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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