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STORYTELLING, SONGS, AND SERVICE IN HONOR OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (January 3, 2008) – In honor of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., the National Constitution Center will participate in a city-wide celebration on Monday, January 21. From 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., visitors of all ages will be able to enjoy activities in the museum, including storytelling sessions and musical and dramatic performances. In the spirit of Dr. King, visitors can also participate in a quilting service project focusing on the plight of homelessness. All of these activities are free, but do not include museum admission.

Visitors can lend a helping hand by sewing blankets for the special quilting service project on the Grand Hall Overlook. This will provide an opportunity for guests to join together in civic service to help the less fortunate and to continue the great legacy of Dr. King.

At 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the Kirby Auditorium, visitors can take part in a sing-along concert with “Two of a Kind,” an award-winning, nationally touring, husband-wife duo who specialize in interactive musical programs for children. The performance will focus on themes related to Martin Luther King, Jr. through songs, puppets, movement, and stories, all with an emphasis on interaction and participation.

In addition, students from local colleges and young local actors will read aloud Martin Luther King, Jr.'s famous "I Have a Dream" speech in the Grand Hall Lobby at 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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Young visitors won't want to miss a special story time in the Annenberg Lobby from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Children can listen to stories about Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement, read by notable figures from the Philadelphia community.

All day, there will also be a special "talkback" board in the Grand Hall Lobby for visitors to post their responses to questions relating to Martin Luther King, Jr., diversity, and citizenship. Visitors will also have the opportunity to make special crafts throughout the day.

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.

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