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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER PRESENTS SPECIAL EVENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH *ANCIENT ROME & AMERICA* EXHIBITION

Philadelphia, PA – In conjunction with the *Ancient Rome & America* exhibition, debuting on February 19 at the National Constitution Center, visitors of all ages can participate in special programs and events at the Center that allow even deeper exploration of the influence of ancient Rome on America.

During the day, children and their families can build models of the Colosseum, enjoy a walking tour that explores the Roman influence on our historic landscape, learn how to deliver an effective speech using the techniques of Rome's greatest orators, and much more. For a complete list of children's programming and daily activities, see the Family Programs and Special Events calendar.

In addition, the Center is holding a series of evening programs for higher age groups, exploring the influence of ancient Rome on American political culture. Authors and experts in various disciplines will present on topics ranging from classical influences on American Colonial art and literature of the Revolutionary era, to the origins of empire in ancient Rome and the history of empires through the present day. For details about these programs, see the Evening Programs calendar.

From February 19 through August 1, 2010, the National Constitution Center will host the world debut of *Ancient Rome & America* – a multi-million dollar, artifact-rich exhibition showcasing the cultural, political, and social connections between the lost world of ancient Rome and modern America. The 8,000 square foot exhibition, featuring a never-before-seen collection of artifacts, was created by the Center in partnership with Contemporanea Progetti of Florence, Italy, in collaboration with the Ministero per i Beni e Le Attività Culturali, Rome, Italy.

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Admission to *Ancient Rome & America* is \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors ages 65 and up, and \$12 for children ages 4-12. Active military personnel and children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available. Admission to the Center's main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*, including the award-winning theater production "Freedom Rising," is included. iPod audio tours cost an additional \$5. For ticket information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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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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