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THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, GIVE A GIFT FIT FOR ROYALTY FROM THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

In conjunction with the Diana: A Celebration exhibition

Philadelphia, PA (November 19, 2009) – The holiday season is quickly approaching, and the National Constitution Center has a wide variety of gifts available for friends and family. In conjunction with the *Diana: A Celebration* exhibition, the Center is showcasing jewelry, books, and children’s crafts. In honor of our nation’s history, the Center is also featuring family-friendly board games and books for all ages.

For a truly memorable gift, the Center is offering jewelry inspired by Princess Diana, including a sterling silver and cubic zirconia crown necklace with matching earrings. A limited edition reproduction of the elegant choker necklace Princess Diana wore to a White House reception, where she famously danced with John Travolta, is also available. The necklace is comprised of 35 flawless cubic zirconia diamonds and a nine-carat sparkling Austrian deep-blue crystal sapphire, set on seven strands of faux pearls.

Aspiring princesses may enjoy Princess Diana paper dolls; a Decorate Your Own Tiara kit, featuring a wooden crown and name plaque to decorate with glitter glue, jewels, and paint; and *Tea with Ruby*, an illustrated book by Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York, about the importance of poise and manners.

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For book lovers, the Center's store boasts a large assortment, including a selection on the life and style of Princess Diana. *Diana: Life of a Princess* includes two CDs of the Princess' favorite music, performed by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. *Diana: The Portrait* by Rosalind Coward, featuring a forward by Nelson Mandela, tells Princess Diana's story through her own words and the words of those who knew her best. A book for the fashionista of the family, *A Dress for Diana* by David and Elizabeth Emanuel, tells the story of the creation of the most famous wedding gown in history through the eyes of the designers.

In addition to the *Diana: A Celebration* merchandise, the Center also features gifts celebrating our nation's rich history. For history buffs, *Dear Mr. President: Letters to the Oval Office From the National Archives* by Dwight Young, includes letters to U.S. presidents from George Washington to Bill Clinton. For the foodie, *All the Presidents Pastries: 25 Years in the White House* by Roland Mesnier, provides behind-the-scenes insight into the characters, tastes, and obsessions of the five presidents and first ladies Chef Mesnier served during his 25 years in Washington.

The holidays are the perfect time to gather family and friends for game nights, and the Center has fun options for all ages that bring history and heritage together. For a creative twist on a classic board game favorite, guests can purchase Stratego: America's Civil War or Stratego: Democrats vs. Republicans. America's Civil War players must choose to fight for the North or the South, and capture their opponent's flag. In the Democrats vs. Republicans game, players will need to run a great campaign and have all of their party members aligned on the road to the White House.

Other games available for purchase include Presidential Brainiac flash cards for on-the-go fun, a 550-piece jigsaw puzzle depicting the front page of the *Boston Globe* announcement of President Obama's historic win, and Lawsuit, a strategy game that tests player's legal skills.

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And since every family has their share of “goofy” aunts and uncles, the Center has plenty of quirky gifts for them, including an assortment of bobble-heads, ranging from George Washington to John F. Kennedy to Laura Bush, and note cards shaped like well-known historical figures by Quotable Notables. These unique greeting cards, in the shape of Hillary Clinton, the Obama Family, John McCain, and others, include notable quotes by the featured person.

For those on your holiday list who are an important part of your life all year – teachers, babysitters, neighbors – and for all those hard-to-buy-for individuals, a membership to the Constitution Center is a gift that gives year-round. Memberships start at \$35, and offer free access to the Center's changing and permanent exhibitions for a full year. Members also enjoy advance notice and premium seating for special programs; discounts to the Museum Shop, Delegates' Cafe, and evening programs; a monthly e-newsletter; and invitations to members-only events. Gift memberships purchased now can become active on December 26, 2009, for a full year of benefits.

Through December 31, 2009, the National Constitution Center is hosting the international traveling exhibition, *Diana: A Celebration*, providing an opportunity for visitors to learn more about the life and work of the Princess of Wales. The exhibition is on loan from the Althorp Estate, the Spencer Family's 500-year-old ancestral home in England.

Admission to *Diana: A Celebration* is \$23 for adults, \$21 for seniors ages 65 and up, and \$15 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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Diana: A Celebration is produced by Arts and Exhibitions International, in association with the Althorp Estate, Cultural Networks International Inc. The exhibition is presented locally by Macy's, and CBS 3 and The CW Philly are the official media partners. CBS 3 (KYW-TV) and The CW Philly 57 (WPSG-TV) are part of CBS Television Stations, a division of CBS Corporation.

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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