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CIVIL WAR WEEKEND & CIVIL WAR SUMMER FACT SHEET

WHAT: A multi-venue commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War featuring summer-long themed programming at all of Historic Philadelphia, Inc.'s attractions. The highlight of the summer will be **Civil War Weekend** featuring a four-day stop at Franklin Square by the traveling free **Civil War Road Show**, sponsored by PA Civil War 150.

WHEN: **CIVIL WAR WEEKEND:** Friday, July 1 – Monday, July 4, 2011

- *Betsy Ross House: 10 am - 7 pm, July 1-3; 10 am - 5 pm, July 4*
- *Franklin Square: 10 am - 10 pm, July 1 & 2; 10 am - 9 pm, July 3 & 4*
- *Civil War Road Show: 11 am - 7 pm, July 1 - 4*
- *Additional free Civil War entertainment in Franklin Square: 12 - 5 pm, July 1 - 4*
- *Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches: 11 am - 4 pm, July 1 - 4*
- *Meet a History Maker: 11 am - 4 pm, July 1 - 4*
- *We The People: 12 noon, July 1 - 4*
- *Liberty 360: runs every 20 minutes 9 am - 9 pm, July 1 & 2; 10 am - 7 pm, July 3; and 9 am - 7 pm, July 4*

CIVIL WAR SUMMER: Memorial Day Weekend – Labor Day (May 28 - Sept. 5)

- *Betsy Ross House: 10 am - 5 pm, daily*
- *Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches: 11 am - 4 pm, daily*
- *Meet a History Maker: 11 am - 4 pm, daily*
- *We The People: 12 noon, July 1 - 4*
- *Liberty 360: runs every 20 minutes 9 am - 7 pm, Mon - Thu; 9 am - 9 pm, Fri & Sat; 10 am - 7 pm, Sun 5/27-6/20; 9 am - 7 pm, Mon; 9 am - 9 pm, Tues - Sat; 10 am - 7 pm, Sun 6/21-8/14; 9 am - 7 pm, Mon - Thu; 9 am - 9 pm, Fri & Sat; 10 am - 7 pm, Sun, 8/15-9/5*

WHERE: Programming is planned at Historic Philadelphia, Inc.'s sites:

- *Liberty 360* in the PECO Theater: Historic Philadelphia Center, 6th & Chestnut Streets
- *Civil War Road Show*: Franklin Square, 6th & Race Streets
- *Rally 'Round the Flag*: Betsy Ross House, 239 Arch Street
- 13 *Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches* in the Historic District
- *We The People* on Independence Mall between Market & Arch Streets

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DESCRIPTION: To commemorate the sesquicentennial of the beginning of the Civil War, Historic Philadelphia, Inc. will highlight a “**Civil War Summer,**” giving visitors the chance to experience Civil War history in many mediums. Along with adding stories from the era to the Once Upon A Nation Storytelling Benches, HPI is introducing a new History Maker from the period: educator and civil rights pioneer, Octavius Catto.

The Betsy Ross House will display, for the first time ever, a fully-restored Civil War-era flag made by Betsy’s daughter as part of a new exhibit and visitors will thrill at the chance to immerse themselves in a visual odyssey featuring symbols from the time in the groundbreaking 360-degree 3D of *Liberty 360*.

The summer’s highlight will be an exciting weekend of programming over the July Fourth holiday. **Civil War Weekend** features the only Philadelphia stop of the traveling Civil War Road Show, a free, interactive exhibit housed in a 53-foot, expandable, 18-wheeled trailer accompanied by an array of free family-friendly programs in Franklin Square. In addition, visitors will meet the authors of the Octavius Catto biography, *Tasting Freedom*, at a special book-signing event at 11 am Saturday, July 2 at the Historic Philadelphia Center.

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INFORMATION: For **all Historic Philadelphia, Inc.** event information, call 215-629-4026, 877-462-1776, or visit www.historicphiladelphia.org to buy tickets online. Tickets available in person at the Historic Philadelphia Center, Betsy Ross House, Franklin Square, or the Independence Visitor Center. Follow HPI at twitter.com/HistoricPhilly and <http://twitter.com/FranklinSqr> or on Facebook at <http://tinyurl.com/facebkHPI> or <http://tinyurl.com/facebkFnkSq>.

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