



**THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM IN PHILADELPHIA AND  
THE CONSTITUTIONAL WALKING TOUR OF PHILADELPHIA ANNOUNCE  
SCHOOL MARKETING PARTNERSHIP FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH  
Teachers are Invited to Celebrate Black History with a Combination Field Trip Package  
Including a Museum Visit and Special Walking Tour**

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania** – December 1, 2008 – The African American Museum in Philadelphia (AAMP) and The Constitutional Walking Tour of Philadelphia today announced a new combination field trip experience for school groups to celebrate Black History Month this coming February.

To accommodate demand, school groups can celebrate Black History throughout January and February 2009 with a combination field trip Package featuring the African American Museum in Philadelphia and The Constitutional Walking Tour of Philadelphia.

At AAMP, students will get a first hand account of the African American perspective on the Vietnam War with ***Soul Soldiers: African Americans and the Vietnam Era***. Additionally, during Black History Month, AAMP honors the struggles and triumphs of millions of Americans of African descent through a diverse schedule of multi-disciplinary public and educational programs that explore African forms of cultural expression, and their links to African Americans within the region and throughout the African Diaspora.

The Constitutional Walking Tour will take students on a special Black History outdoor walking adventure through America's Birthplace when school groups will see more than 15 historic sites and attractions in 75 minutes, many of which are related to African American history in Philadelphia, including: the African American Museum in Philadelphia, the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Declaration House, The President's House Site, Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, and Washington (Congo) Square.

Advance reservations are required and dates are filling up quickly. For more details on the combination field trip packages, please visit [www.TheConstitutional.com/BlackHistory](http://www.TheConstitutional.com/BlackHistory) .

“Our role as a museum is to provide valuable insight into the African American experience and how that experience helped to define American history,” says Romona Riscoe Benson, the Museum’s President and CEO. “Visitors can come here for a rich experience and then be directed to a host of other places that will provide them with further enrichment regarding the little known aspects of our nation’s history.”

“We are very pleased to be working with the African American Museum in Philadelphia to help celebrate Black History Month,” stated Jonathan Bari, President of The Constitutional Walking Tour. “As we step back in time along The Constitutional Walking Tour, we visit various key sites that pertain to America’s Birthplace with specific emphasis on those sites pertaining to Black history including the President’s House Site, Mother Bethel and Congo Square (today known as Washington Square).

### **About The African American Museum in Philadelphia**

Founded in 1976 in celebration of the nation’s Bicentennial, the African American Museum in Philadelphia is the first museum of its kind to be built by a major city. The Museum houses four galleries and an auditorium, each of which offers exhibitions anchored on one of three dominant themes: The African Diaspora, the Philadelphia Story, and the Contemporary Narrative. In June of 2009 AAMP will unveil the first major upgrade to the Museum’s visitor experience with ***Audacious Freedom***, a new core exhibit installation, featuring the early history of African Americans in Philadelphia. Covering a period of 100 years from 1776 to 1876, this state-of-the-art interactive exhibit will use a blend of technology, primary source material, artifacts, and stunning graphics to provide insight into a perspective of American history that has rarely been told.

### **About The Constitutional Walking Tour of Philadelphia**

The Constitutional Walking Tour of Philadelphia is one of the leading providers of sightseeing tours of America’s Birthplace - “Where Every Day is Independence Day!”™ Located in Historic Philadelphia, The Constitutional visits more than 20 of the most historical sites on a 75 minute, 1.25 mile outdoor adventure in the Independence National Historical Park area, which is home to the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and the National Constitution Center. Since 2004, The Constitutional has been consistently ranked as one of Philadelphia’s “Top 25 Tourist Attractions” by the Philadelphia Business Journal. Come see why the Chicago Tribune stated, “No visit to Philadelphia is complete without taking a Constitutional Guided Walking Tour, a 75-minute, mile and a quarter stroll that puts 15 historic sites, from Independence Hall to the National Constitution Center, and Ben Franklin, in perspective.” For more information, please visit [www.TheConstitutional.com](http://www.TheConstitutional.com). The Constitutional is also the producer of the Spirits of '76 Ghost Tour of Philadelphia which is "1 Part History, 2 Parts Haunt."™ The Spirits of '76 Ghost Tour features more than 20 of "Philly's Frights & Sights"™ on a 75 minute, 1.25 mile outdoor walking tour through Historic Philadelphia that features haunted facts and folklore. For more information, please visit [www.Spiritsof76.com](http://www.Spiritsof76.com).

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