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80 Days Out: CivicFest Comes to the Minneapolis Convention Center

Non-partisan celebration of American history offers once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be a part of history in the making during Republican National Convention

MINNEAPOLIS SAINT PAUL, June 11, 2008 – As Minnesota takes center stage this summer for the Republican National Convention, citizens have the opportunity to experience and be a part of history in the making. **CivicFest, a non-partisan celebration of American and Minnesota political and statehood history will transform the Minneapolis Convention Center into an entertaining and informative showcase of American history Aug. 29 – Sept. 4.** Never again will all of these exhibits, artifacts and memorabilia be found under one roof.

More than 30 exhibits, including a 60- by 20-foot model White House, a full-scale Air Force One replica, former first ladies’ gowns, presidential limos and a life-size Oval office will be on display. In addition, a 60,000-square-foot, 300-vendor Marketplace focusing on Minnesota goods will sell everything from t-shirts to Minnesota wild rice.

Volunteers Needed. More than 1,000 volunteers are needed to act as exhibit guides, assistant curators, docents and information hosts during CivicFest. Volunteers must be 18 or older (or volunteering with an adult), be available for at least three shifts and have an avid interest in history that they feel comfortable sharing with CivicFest visitors. Visit www.civicfest.org/volunteer.html for more details.

Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities Still Available. Showcase your company to the more than 150,000 anticipated CivicFest visitors. Become a sponsor of one of the premiere exhibits. Contact Maxene Fernstrom at mfernstrom@msp2008.com to learn more.

Marketplace Vendors Welcome. The CivicFest Marketplace is still accepting vendors to showcase and sell merchandise. The Marketplace will highlight a variety of products, with an emphasis on locally produced and designed merchandise. For more information and to submit an online application, visit www.civicfest.org/vendor_info.html.

Dates & Hours:

Friday, Aug. 29.....9:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 30.....9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 31.....9:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 1.....9:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 2.....9:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 3.....9:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 4.....9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission Prices:

Adults..... \$15
Students, seniors and
active-duty military.....\$10
Children under 8.....FREE

Tickets on-sale at www.civicfest.org/tickets.html

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