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CAKE CONTEST TO REVEAL THE SWEETNESS OF FREEDOM

Visitors Vote on Freedom Museum's First Anniversary Cake

CHICAGO—February 16, 2007—A new cake contest underscores how nothing is sweeter than freedom. The McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum calls all bakers to express “what freedom means to them” via a cake decorating contest to celebrate its year anniversary.

On April 14, five finalists will display their creative confections at the Freedom Museum for visitors to vote for their top choice. The cake contest winner receives a cash prize, as well as a donation from the Freedom Museum to the winner’s charity of choice.

Amateur and professional bakers are asked to enter their initial designs and explain the story or inspiration behind their submission. Entries that best capture and express the story of freedom or freedom-related themes are selected as finalists and required to create their designs in three-dimensional form.

“Whether it’s Lady Liberty laced with cocoa or sugar-coated censorship, the contest drives home a key topic we discuss in the museum – exercising freedom of expression,” said David Anderson, executive director, McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum. “The artistic element and voting opportunity make this contest a great platform to teach even our youngest citizens freedom issues and how to be involved in the democratic process.”

Contest entry forms and rules are available online at www.FreedomMuseum.US, click on museum information and events, or contact Susie Bolton at 312.222.3484. Contest entries must be received by March 2, 2007.

About the McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum

The McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum (www.FreedomMuseum.US) inspires generations to better understand, value and protect freedom. Through interactive exploration, visitors gain a greater understanding of the struggle for freedom in the United States and the role the First Amendment plays in society. The McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum is part of the McCormick Tribune Foundation team, which also includes the Robert R. McCormick Museum, Cantigny Park and Golf, the Cantigny First Division Foundation and five grantmaking programs.

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