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Free Ticket Admission by Web Download to Fraunces Tavern Museum For Smithsonian Magazine's Museum Day

New York, NY – September 23, 2010 – Fraunces Tavern Museum® is one of over 1,000 museums and cultural institutions participating in Smithsonian Media's 6th Annual Museum Day this Saturday, September 25. Museum Day is an annual event in which participating museums across the country open their doors for free to anyone presenting a Museum Day Ticket. The public can download free tickets for Museum Day at Fraunces Tavern Museum at Smithsonian.com. This is a one-day-only event and the Museum Day Ticket is required for free admission.

Museum Day 2010 is poised to be the largest to date, outdoing last year's record-breaking event. Over 300,000 museum-goers and 1,300 venues in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico participated in Museum Day 2009. Last year, two million visitors logged on to www.smithsonian.com/museumday to learn more about the program.

"Fraunces Tavern Museum is proud to join so many other cultural institutions from coast to coast in Museum Day," said Anthony Wellman, the Museum's Communications Director, "Everyone loves a bargain and this is a 'cultural bargain' — a perfect opportunity for people to get out and see what America's museums have to offer."

In addition to its ongoing permanent exhibits, Fraunces Tavern Museum is currently presenting "Revolution and the City" — the story of what New York was like when it was occupied by His Majesty's troops during the American Revolutionary War. With "Loyalists" on one side and rebellious "Patriots" on the other—and the British Army and Navy in between—it made for perilous times. (For more information please visit http://www.frauncestavernmuseum.org/revolution_and_the_city_exhibit.html.)

- About Fraunces Tavern -

Fraunces Tavern was built in 1719 as an elegant residence and purchased in 1762 by tavern-keeper Samuel Fraunces. The Tavern played a significant role in pre-Revolutionary War activities and later housed early U.S. government offices of the Departments of War, Treasury and Foreign Affairs (today's State Department). It is best known as the site where General George Washington bade farewell to the officers of the Continental Army on December 4th, 1783.

In 1904, the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York purchased the Tavern, saving it from the wrecking ball. A restored Fraunces Tavern was opened to the public in 1907 featuring a Museum and Restaurant. In 2008 Fraunces Tavern was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

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