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MEDIA ADVISORY— SPECIAL EVENT

Oscar Winning Actor Richard Dreyfuss To Speak At National History Day

National History Day, A Year-Long Education Program, Brings the Classroom into the Community

WHO: Richard Dreyfuss

Oscar winning actor Richard Dreyfuss will speak at the National History Day national contest on June 12th. Dreyfuss has said that if he could live life over he would like to be a teacher, but since that is not possible he is using his talent to start a "Civics Rights" movement—ensuring that students have the tools that they need to interpret, engage, and understand both the history and future of our system of government. Dreyfuss has spoken at venues across the country about the need for civic engagement. He sits on the board of the National Constitution Center and is a Senior Associate Member, St. Antony's College, Oxford.

Three of the films Dreyfuss starred in are listed on the American Film Institute's list of the greatest 100 films. He received notable praise for his role in "Mr. Holland's Opus," for which he received Academy Award and Golden Globe nominations for Best Actor. He became known to millions when he starred in the movie "Jaws" and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." At age 30, he won the Academy Award for Best Actor in "The Goodbye Girl."

WHAT: Town Hall Meeting at National History Day (NHD) National Contest

On Tuesday, June 12 Dreyfuss will host a town hall meeting with young history scholars from across the country to discuss the importance of history and civic engagement.

National History Day is a highly regarded and academically challenging non-profit program. The goal of the year-long program is to promote the study of history by engaging students and teachers in the excitement of historical inquiry, community outreach and creative presentation. The theme for the 2007 contest is "Triumph and Tragedy in History."

WHEN: Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Hoff Theater in the Stamp Student Union at the University of Maryland, College Park

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