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## Mount Rushmore National Memorial News Release

### Mount Rushmore Announces Independence Day Event

(Keystone, S.D.) Mount Rushmore National Memorial is finalizing the event schedule for the 2010 Independence Day celebration. The event will center around talent from the local community and visitors can expect to experience a wide variety of educational programs, patriotic tributes, and musical entertainment in celebration of Independence Day. The Memorial has planned a full schedule of events for both July 3 and July 4.

Among the highlights of the celebration include children's entertainer Phil Baker, presidential re-enactors of Presidents Washington, Lincoln and Roosevelt, along with performances by hoop dancer Jasmine Pickner, flute player Sequoia Crosswhite, and cultural demonstrations by the Germans from Russia and other local cultural organization. The events on July 3 will culminate in a performance by the Black Hills Symphony. The Porcupine Singers from Porcupine, SD are also scheduled to perform on July 3. Events planned for July 4 include cultural demonstrations, National Park Service ranger programs, and the traditional Evening Program with lighting ceremony.

Visitors can expect to find opportunities for all family members including children's programs, presidential programs, the NPS Junior Ranger programs, and other events throughout the weekend. The event will provide a span of programming throughout the two days and has been designed to allow a normal flow of visitors through the park. Through this community based event, the staff at Mount Rushmore looks forward to celebrating Independence Day with the local area as well as with national and international visitors.

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