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**FINALISTS ARE ANNOUNCED IN THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE'S
STAR TREK WEDDING GIVEAWAY**

Star Trek's own George Takei among the preliminary judges!

PHILADELPHIA, July 9, 2009 – The Franklin Institute has announced the top three contestants, as chosen by a panel of honored celebrity judges, who will vie for the opportunity to get married on the bridge of the U.S.S. Enterprise inside STAR TREK: THE EXHIBITION. It is now up to the public to log on and cast their vote to determine the lucky winning couple who will begin to plan their ultimate *Star Trek* wedding!

Fans were asked to submit a photo and a short paragraph describing why they should be selected as the couple to win the *Star Trek* wedding. Entries came in from all across the area, as far away as Missouri and California - with varying tales telling of their dream to marry on the bridge of the U.S.S. Enterprise! The submissions were then handed off to a pool of *expert* judges to rate the contestants on the following criteria: dedication to *Star Trek*, creativity of entry, and overall photo. The panel of judges included WMMR's Preston & Steve, 6ABC's Matt O'Donnell, and leaders of the local fan club *U.S.S. Sovereign*. Even *Star Trek's* very own George Takei weighed in on the contestants, "*Making a decision was as challenging as anything I faced in the galaxies. I wanted at least a half dozen weddings to take place on the bridge of the Enterprise at the Franklin Institute. The spirit of Star Trek is vibrantly alive with all of the candidates in their infinite diversity in infinite combinations*" said Takei.

The top three finalists are:

- *Brad Siegel & Kate Erwin from Lyman, ME*
- *Scott Johnston & Beth Kellner from Philadelphia, PA*
- *Laura Hunt & Gregory Little from La Quinta, CA*

Photos of the finalists are posted online at www.fi.edu/startrekwedding beginning today through **July 20, 2009**. The public can log on and vote for the pair they feel most deserves a *Star Trek* wedding! The couple with the highest number of votes on July 20 will be determined the winner and the immediate planning will begin!

The Franklin Institute is partnering with WMMR-FM, to give away the *Star Trek* wedding. The wedding package includes: exclusive use of STAR TREK: THE EXHIBITION for the ceremony, a

private space inside The Franklin Institute for a four-hour reception, a wedding cake and champagne provided by Frog Commissary Catering, and two nights' accommodations provided by The Independent Hotel in Center City Philadelphia.

Produced by Premier Exhibitions, Inc. and licensed from CBS Consumer Products, STAR TREK: THE EXHIBITION is a 12,500 square foot interactive exhibition containing the world's most comprehensive collection of authentic *Star Trek* ships, costumes and props from over 40 years of *Star Trek*. Making its East Coast debut at The Franklin Institute, the Exhibition runs through September 20, 2009.

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