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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
and the Roosevelt Institute presents
First Live Webcast Program in a Series of Free Public Forums
Entitled "1935 AND THE ENDURING NEW DEAL"
Sunday, September 26, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.**

HYDE PARK, NY -- In honor of the 75th anniversary of the enactment of the Social Security Act and the National Labor Relations Act the FDR Presidential Library and Museum and the Roosevelt Institute will present the **First Live Webcast Program in a Series of Free Public Forums entitled "1935 AND THE ENDURING NEW DEAL"** on Sunday, September 26, 2010. This first program will examine the historical impact of the Social Security Act and the National Labor Relations Act on American life and society, as well as discuss Social Security and labor relations today and what can be expected in the future. WAMC radio host Alan Chartock will moderate the panel discussion. In addition to house seating the program will be webcast live (www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu) with online viewer participation and C-SPAN will record the event. The program begins at 2:00 p.m. in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. ***To register call Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745.***

Social Security has been called the single most important piece of social legislation in American history. It provided for old age pensions and unemployment insurance, immediate relief for the indigent elderly, aid to families with dependent children and people with disabilities, and funding for public health services. By the end of the 20th century, some forty million people received benefits under the Social Security program. The National Labor Relations Act guaranteed workers' rights to organize into unions and

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mandated that employers bargain with the workers' recognized union representatives. It resulted in a historic unionization drive that realigned the balance of power between capital and labor in the United States and created a foundation of working class support for the Democratic Party for decades to come, part of the so-called New Deal coalition.

The program's panelists include **Alan Chartock (moderator)**, President and CEO, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio; **Larry W. DeWitt**, Historian, Social Security Administration; **James Roosevelt Jr.**, Board of Governors, Roosevelt Institute, and Former Associate Commissioner, Social Security Administration; **Thomas Ferguson**, Senior Fellow, Roosevelt Institute, and Professor of Political Science, University of Massachusetts – Boston; **Alan Brinkley**, New Deal historian Allan Nevins Professor of History, Columbia University; **Brigid O'Farrell**, Author, *She Was One of Us: Eleanor Roosevelt and the American Worker*; and **Joseph E. Stiglitz**, Senior Fellow and Chief Economist, Roosevelt Institute, and University Professor at Columbia University, Nobel Prize-winning economist.

Other programs in the series include:

Sunday, October 24, 2010

1935 and the Enduring New Deal: The Works Progress Administration and the Rural Electrification Administration

Moderator: **Stuart Shinske**, Executive Editor, *Poughkeepsie Journal*; **Nick Taylor**, Author of *American-Made: The Enduring Legacy of the WPA – When FDR Put the Nation to Work*; **Gray Brechin**, Founder and project scholar, *The California Living New Deal Project*; and **D. Clayton Brown**, Author of *Electricity for Rural America: The Fight for the REA*.

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Sunday, November 21, 2010

1935 and the Enduring New Deal: The Arts and History Programs

Moderator: **Joe Donahue**, Host, "The Roundtable," WAMC, Northeast Public Radio; **Roger Kennedy**, Author of *When Art Worked: Art, the New Deal, and Democracy*; **Peggy Bulger**, Director, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress; **David A. Taylor**, Author of *Soul of a People: The WPA Writers' Project Uncovers Depression America*; **Susan Quinn**, Author of *Furious Improvisation: How the WPA and a Cast of Thousands Made High Art out of Desperate Times*; and **Cynthia M. Koch**, Director, Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum.

For detailed information about each session or to register please call Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or visit the Roosevelt Library website's events page at:

<http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/publicprograms/calendar.html>.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is dedicated to preserving historical material and providing innovative educational programs, community events, and public outreach. It is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For information about the FDR Presidential Library call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

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