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**CONTENTS OF WASHINGTON MONUMENT'S TWO TIME CAPSULES REVEALED
AND BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DETAILS ANNOUNCED
ON TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 10am**

WHO/WHAT:

Mount Vernon Place Conservancy officials unveil the contents of the Baltimore Washington Monument's 1815 cornerstone and 1915 Centennial Time Capsule and announce details for the **Monumental Bicentennial**, a one-day celebration featuring the official rededication and reopening of the Monument on July 4, 2015.

WHEN:

Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 10am

WHERE:

Walters Art Museum
600 N. Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
Sculpture Court

The Walters Art Museum is closed to the public this day. Press must enter at the 600 N. Charles Street Entrance. Doors will be open at 9:30 am and the press conference will start promptly at 10am.

WHY:

Since January 2014, Baltimore's Washington Monument, the first to honor George Washington in the United States, has been undergoing a \$5.5 million restoration undertaken by the Mount Vernon Place Conservancy.

During the course of the restoration, Project Superintendent George E. Wilk II of Lewis Contractors discovered two time capsules, a truly rare occurrence within one historic structure. The cornerstone, laid on July 4, 1815, included a hollowed out well containing artifacts from 1815. Conservators from the Walters Art Museum and Maryland State Archives have carefully extracted these artifacts that will be on display for the first time during this press conference.

The 1915 time capsule from the Centennial Celebration will be opened for the first time during this press conference to reveal the contents. Until now, this unopened copper box time capsule has been on display at the Walters Art Museum.

In celebration of the reopening of the Washington Monument, a naturalization ceremony, rededication ceremony and an old-fashioned country fair take place on Saturday, July 4, 2015 from 8:30 am–5pm.

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***Editor's Note: This is not a public event. This is open to media only.**