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### PLOT TO BETRAY AMERICA REVEALED IN NEW BOOK ON MRS. BENEDICT ARNOLD

History Museum and Museum of the American Revolution  
Present co-authors of *Treacherous Beauty*

Philadelphia, PA, November 14, 2012—Stephen H. Case and Mark Jacob, co-authors of *Treacherous Beauty*—*Peggy Shippen, the Woman Behind Benedict Arnold's Plot to Betray America*—will discuss their book in a public program presented jointly by the Philadelphia History Museum and the Museum of the American Revolution. The program will take place on December 6, 2012 in the newly reopened Philadelphia History Museum where a portrait of Peggy Shippen is on display.

*Treacherous Beauty* is the first-ever biography of Peggy Shippen (Mrs. Benedict Arnold). While war was raging between Britain and its rebellious colonists, Peggy befriended a suave British officer and later married a crippled revolutionary general twice her age. At age 19, she brought these two men together in a treasonous plot that, had it succeeded, might have turned George Washington into a prisoner and changed the course of the war.

The book has received favorable reviews since its release last June. Mark Jacob, deputy metro editor at the Chicago Tribune, was part of a team that won the Pulitzer Prize in 2001. Stephen Case is a lawyer, managing director and general counsel of Emerald Development Managers LP, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Museum of the American Revolution.

A portrait by Daniel Gardner (1750-1805) of Margaret “Peggy” Shippen Arnold is currently on view in the Philadelphia History Museum’s exhibition *Face to Facebook*. The exhibition, explores portraits and how Philadelphians have pictured themselves from the 17<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> centuries.

Program attendees are welcome to tour the museum from 5 – 6 p.m. The presentation will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are [available online](#) or call 215-685-4829.

## **About the Philadelphia History Museum**

The Philadelphia History Museum fully reopened to the public in September 2012 with the completion of a total interior renovation, including all new building systems, the Philadelphia History Museum is unveiling the redesigned galleries that will showcase its outstanding collection of historical objects, art, and artifacts in a newly designed, properly equipped and controlled environment. The Museum was founded by City Ordinance in 1938 to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution in Philadelphia. Its 1826 building at 15 South 7th Street was designed by John Haviland as the original home of the Franklin Institute. The Museum provides historical context for issues of contemporary urban life using its premier collection of over 100,000 objects, paintings, and photographs in exhibitions, programs, and electronic media.

## **About The Museum of the American Revolution**

The Museum of the American Revolution will be built in historic Philadelphia, just steps from Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. The Museum will house a distinguished collection of objects, artifacts, artwork, and manuscripts from the period of the American Revolution. For more information, please visit [www.AmRevMus.org](http://www.AmRevMus.org) or call toll free, 877-740-1776.

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