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CNN Original Series *Race for the White House: Kennedy v. Nixon*
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Henry A. Wallace Center at the
FDR Presidential Library and Home**

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Synopsis: *Race for the White House: Kennedy v. Nixon*

Republican Vice President Richard Nixon was well-known, experienced, and admired for his foreign policy expertise, while Massachusetts Senator John F. Kennedy was youthful, handsome and inexperienced. It was at the first fully televised presidential campaign in history that many voters came to focus on Kennedy's and Nixon's contrasting personalities and policies. Radio listeners had the debate dead even, but Kennedy won over the much larger television audience allowing him to secure what was one of the closest presidential elections in American history.

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Race for the White House

Race for the White House is a thrilling six-part CNN Original Series narrated by Academy Award winner Kevin Spacey. Using rare archival footage, interviews, and stylized dramatizations, each hour-long episode tells the story of one iconic campaign for the Presidency of the United States. From powerful speeches to the dirty tricks and Machiavellian schemes, *Race for the White House* captures the drama of a high-stakes presidential election and its impact on politics today. The series, executive produced by Spacey and Dana Brunetti (*House of Cards*), regularly airs Sundays at 9:00 p.m. ET/PT on CNN.

The six elections featured are: 1828 - Jackson v. Adams; 1860 - Lincoln v. Douglas; 1948 - Truman v. Dewey; 1960 - Kennedy v. Nixon; 1988 - Bush v. Dukakis; 1992 - Clinton v. Bush.

Race for the White House is co-produced by Raw and Trigger Street Productions.

Timothy Naftali is an associate clinical professor of history and public service at NYU and co-director of NYU's Center for the United States and the Cold War. He is a native of Montreal and a graduate of Yale with a doctorate in history from Harvard. Using Soviet-era documents, he and Russian academic Aleksandr Fursenko wrote the prize-winning *ONE HELL OF A GAMBLE: KHRUSHCHEV, CASTRO AND KENNEDY, 1958-1964* and *KHRUSHCHEV'S COLD WAR*. As a consultant to the 9/11 Commission, Naftali wrote a history of U.S. counterterrorism, published as *BLIND SPOT: THE SECRET HISTORY OF AMERICAN COUNTERTERRORISM*, which included an account of the U.S. response to the 1972 Munich Olympics massacre. Naftali was the founding director of the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum in Yorba Linda, California. Naftali, whose work has

appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Slate* and *Foreign Affairs*, is also seen regularly on television as a commentator on contemporary history. Most recently, he was featured in CNN's *The Sixties* and *The Seventies* and in the PBS documentaries, *Dick Cavett's Watergate*, *Dick Cavett's Vietnam* and *The Bomb*.

Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov with questions about the event.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum

Designed by Franklin Roosevelt and dedicated on June 30, 1941, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is the nation's first presidential library and the only one used by a sitting president. Every president since FDR has followed his example and established a presidential library administered by the National Archives and Records Administration to preserve and make accessible to the American people the records of their presidencies. The Roosevelt Library's mission is to foster a deeper understanding of the lives and times of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and their continuing impact on contemporary life. This work is carried out through the Library's archives and research room, museum collections and exhibitions, innovative educational programs, and engaging public programming. For more information about the Library or its programs call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

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