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Philadelphia Controller Speaks to Support Arts and Entrepreneurship

Baltimore, MD (July 28, 2004) – **Philadelphia Controller Jonathan A. Saidel lends his support for art, cultural industries, and entrepreneurship this August when he participates as a keynote speaker and panelist for *Selection 2004: A Summit for the Arts and Small Business*.** Sponsored by *AmericanStyle* magazine, *Selection 2004* will be held August 7 from 6-8 p.m. at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia. *Baltimore Sun* political cartoonist 'KAL', while stressing the importance of participating in the political process to attendees, will moderate the session and pose questions to the panelists.

Jonathan A. Saidel is currently serving his fourth consecutive four-year term as Philadelphia's Controller. A graduate of Temple University and the Delaware Law School of Widener College, he is a licensed attorney and CPA within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Saidel is involved with numerous political causes and organizations, including serving on the boards of the Special Olympics, the Salvation Army, and is presently serving on the Labor Advisory Board of American Capital Strategies Labor Research, Inc.

Jonathan Saidel's support of *Selection 2004* is in his capacity as an outspoken supporter of the Democratic ticket in this election year. Participating as a keynote speaker and Democratic panelist, Saidel will sit amongst small business owners, arts supporters, and representatives from the national non-profit arts organization, Americans for the Arts.

Selection 2004 will offer a bipartisan panel of speakers who will respond to questions and assert the stance of their presidential candidate. Groups are encouraged to submit questions in advance that they would like to hear addressed.

This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited, however tickets are required. To request tickets email debraa@rosengrp.com or call 410.889.2933 ext. 222.

AmericanStyle, www.americanstyle.com, is the exclusive arts lifestyle magazine for enthusiasts and collectors. It is published bimonthly by the Baltimore-based Rosen Group. In addition to *AmericanStyle* magazine, The Rosen Group publishes *NICHE* magazine—an award-winning trade publication for retailers and gallery owners in the contemporary art industry and the artists who create these items. The Rosen Group is parent company of the Buyers Market of American Craft, the world's largest wholesale trade show for handmade American craft, held biannually in Philadelphia.

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