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present

Walter Isaacson

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“Inventing America” in celebration of the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary



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America's founders were optimistic not only about politics but also about the contributions they expected science and technology to make to the success of the fledgling democracy. Join historian Walter Isaacson, author of *Benjamin Franklin: An American Life*, and Archivist of the United States Allen Weinstein as they discuss how Americans have wrestled with the interplay of technology and democracy from Franklin's time until today. Isaacson will draw on both his knowledge of Franklin and his own experiences in journalism to explore how communications technologies have shaped the practice of democracy. Presented by the Center for the National Archives Experience in association with the Smithsonian's Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation as part of a continuing celebration of the 300th anniversary of Franklin's birth.



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