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David Macaulay, Noted Author and Illustrator, To Speak at Philadelphia University Commencement May 15 *Philadelphia Boys Choir to perform the National Anthem*

Philadelphia, May 15, 2005— David Macaulay, noted author and illustrator, will be the keynote speaker at Philadelphia University's commencement Sunday, May 15, where he will receive the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters.

In all, 751 students will receive undergraduate and graduate degrees from Philadelphia University this spring. The 2005 Commencement ceremony will take place this Sunday, 11 a.m., at the Mann Center for the Performing Arts. The Philadelphia Boys Choir and Chorale, the Philadelphia Metropolitan Pipe Band and the Fairmount Brass will perform.

Among this year's graduates is Florence Ann Augustine, a grandmother who earned her nursing credential in 1953. Fourteen years ago, she started pursuing a bachelor's degree in psychology at her local community college, even while working at Town Manor Nursing Home. And this Sunday, Ms. Augustine will be receive her degree along with Philadelphia University's other graduates.

Mr. Macaulay's first book, *Cathedral*, was published in 1973. It was followed by several other "show-and-tell" type books, including *City*, about the construction of a Roman City; *Pyramid*; *Castle*, about the building of medieval fortresses; and *Mill*, about the evolution of a New England mill town. *Building Big*, published in 2000, was the basis for a successful PBS series that explored the engineering feats behind bridges, tunnels, dams, domes and skyscrapers.

In 1988, using his remarkable talents for translating concepts and information to the printed page, he created the best-selling *The Way Things Work: From Levers to Lasers, Cars to Computers – A Visual Guide to the World of Machines*, a book he has recently updated to reflect the latest in technological and digital advances. In addition, his children's book, *Black and White*, has won the prestigious Caldecott Medal.

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Mr. Macaulay was born in England, and his family later moved to New Jersey. He earned a bachelor's degree in architecture from the Rhode Island School of Design.

Philadelphia University, founded in 1884, is a private university with 3,500 full- and part-time students enrolled in more than 40 undergraduate and graduate programs. The University includes Schools of Architecture, Business Administration, Design and Media, Engineering and Textiles, Liberal Arts, and Science and Health.