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NOTORIOUS RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg June 9 – November 30, 2023

*Final stop of the museum retrospective of the
Supreme Court Justice–turned–cultural icon, based upon the Internet phenomenon
and bestselling book*

Washington, DC – *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, the first-ever exhibition about the late trailblazing associate justice, will run from **June 9 – November 30, 2023** at the new **Capital Jewish Museum** at the corner of **3rd and F Streets NW** in downtown Washington DC, as part of its grand opening. This traveling show originated at the Skirball Cultural Center in LA and the Capital Jewish Museum is proud to be the exhibition’s final stop of its national tour.

Based on the *New York Times* bestselling book of the same name and created in partnership with its authors, Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik, the exhibition takes a deeply personal journey through historic change with an entertaining yet rigorous look at the life and work of Ruth Bader Ginsburg (RBG) and the Supreme Court, on which she so famously served. It will also examine her varied roles as a student, life partner, mother, change-making lawyer, judge, women’s rights pioneer, and pop culture icon.

“The PNC team is thrilled to be the presenting sponsor for the final stop of the *Notorious RBG* exhibition in D.C. and to join with the community in celebrating the life and work of Ruth Bader Ginsburg,” says D. Jermaine Johnson, PNC regional president for Greater Washington. “The interactive experience sheds light on Justice Ginsburg’s commitment to equality and justice for all, but also portrays in stark relief her judicial prowess and savvy. Her life and story are a worthy example to us all on how to live an exemplary life dedicated to service.”

Through archival photographs and documents, historical artifacts, contemporary art, media stations, and gallery interactives, the exhibition will explore the American legal system and civil rights movements through the lens of RBG’s personal experiences and public service. Like the book, it will tell the parallel stories of her remarkable life and the efforts she joined to expand “We the People” to include those long left out of the Constitution’s promises.

“Justice Ginsburg never gave up on doing the work of equality and justice, work that is needed now more than ever,” remarked Irin Carmon, a *Washington Post* contributing writer and co-author of the *Notorious RBG* book, which has sold more than 275,000 copies since its October 2015 publication. “We’re so thrilled that the exhibition will bring to life a genuinely inspirational story, while making it clear how we all have an urgent stake in the work and future of the court.”

Co-author Shana Knizhnik – who founded the popular Tumblr that made RBG an Internet sensation – explained, “I created the Notorious RBG blog as a law student in 2013, in response to Justice Ginsburg’s forceful dissent to the Supreme Court’s 5-4 decision to strike down part of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. I hoped to pay tribute to the Justice and her remarkable story, which has only become more inspirational. I am pleased that this exhibition will illuminate, in its own way, the life and work of such a vital figure in American history.”

In keeping with Carmon and Knizhnik’s book, the exhibition will touch on the playful connection between Justice Ginsburg and the Notorious B.I.G.—both of whom were born and bred in Brooklyn, New York, as RBG herself has proudly pointed out. The title of each section riffs off a lyric by the late hip-hop artist:

- Introduction: “NOTORIOUS”
- Early Life and Education: “I GOT A STORY TO TELL”
- RBG as Activist: “STEREOTYPES OF A LADY MISUNDERSTOOD”
- Judge Ginsburg: “DON’T LET ‘EM HOLD YOU DOWN, REACH FOR THE STARS”
- Ruth and Marty: “REAL LOVE”
- Justice Ginsburg: “MY TEAM SUPREME”

Three-dimensional environments will bring key moments to life, such as recreations of Justice Ginsburg’s childhood Brooklyn apartment and of the Supreme Court bench, where visitors can take a seat and imagine making their own opinions heard. Visitors will also gain insight into RBG’s marriage to Martin “Marty” Ginsburg, her partner of more than fifty years, through family snapshots and other materials from their life together, including some of Marty’s favorite recipes as the accomplished amateur chef of the Ginsburg household. Finally, reflecting RBG’s effect on pop culture, *Notorious RBG* will include contemporary art and expression that she has inspired, by such artists as Maira Kalman, Roxana Alger Geffen, and Ari Richter. For its Washington, DC stop, the Capital Jewish Museum has added artifacts that connect to RBG’s Jewish life in the capital, including a special collar commissioned for her by *Moment Magazine*, the mezuzah from the door to her Supreme Court chambers, and artifacts collected from public memorials following her death in 2020.

The exhibition is part of the grand opening of the entire Capital Jewish Museum, the first museum in DC dedicated to the story of Jewish life in the nation’s capital region. Featuring interactive tables, film, historic photographs, and artifacts, the Museum dives deep into history while also creating space for current policy discussion with cutting-edge new technology and exhibition design.

Admission to the Capital Jewish Museum and core exhibitions is always free. The cost for special exhibitions, including *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, and programs varies. Members enjoy free admission to all exhibitions and discounts on programs.

Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg has been coordinated at the Capital Jewish Museum by Ivy Weingram, of Independent Museum Works, and Ivy Barsky, Executive Director.

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About the Skirball Cultural Center

The Skirball Cultural Center is a place of meeting guided by the Jewish tradition of welcoming the stranger and inspired by the American democratic ideals of freedom and equality. The Skirball welcomes people of all communities and generations to participate in cultural experiences that celebrate discovery and hope, foster human connections, and calls upon everyone to help build a more just society.

About the Capital Jewish Museum

The new Capital Jewish Museum—opening to the public on Friday, June 9—explores the Jewish experience in the national capital region and inspires visitors to connect, reflect, and act: connect personally and collectively, reflect on the relevance of the past to today, and act on behalf of their communities and values. With its experimental spirit, the Museum connects the past to the present through thought-provoking exhibitions, dynamic programming, and creative public experiences.

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