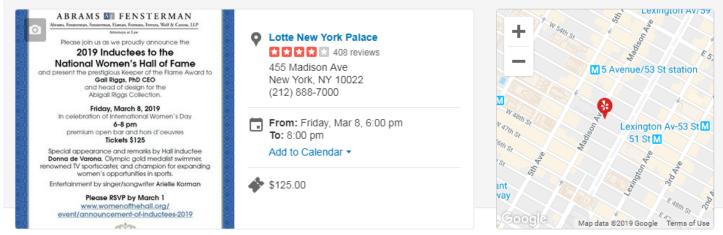


2019 National Women's Hall of Fame Inductees to Be Announced On International Women's Day in NYC





What/Why:

The National Women's Hall of Fame will announce the 2019 class of Inductees on International Women's Day, Friday, March 8, 2019, during a cocktail reception at Manhattan's magnificent Lotte New York Palace from 6-8pm.

In addition to the newest class of inductees being revealed, Gail Riggs, CEO of The Abigail Riggs Collection will be honored as a "Keeper of the Flame". Recipients of this award are recognized for carrying the torch of our foremothers and for inspiring present and future generations. Riggs, a philanthropist and passionate supporter of women's rights, has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for charities including the National Women's Hall of Fame through her collections of exclusive handbags and scarves honoring iconic women in history. Her company was the result of her desire to teach her children about empowerment and generosity, about the pioneers who came before them, and about the amazing women who often suffered great personal sacrifice to brighten our way.

A special appearance and remarks will be made by Donna de Varona, a former Hall inductee, Olympic gold medalist swimmer, renowned TV sportscaster and champion in advancing women's opportunities in sports. Together with tennis great Billie Jean King and others, de Varona was instrumental in organizing the Women's Sports Foundation and served as its first elected president.

Singer songwriter/activist, Arielle Korman will be performing at the event, accompanied by Jerome Korman, renowned composer and Music Director of the National Dance Institute.

Tickets for the event are \$125 and include premium open bar and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets can be purchased online at <u>womenofthehall.org/event...</u>.

Thus far, 266 women have been inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame since its creation in 1969. The full Induction ceremony will take place on September 14, 2019 at the del Lago Resort & Casino. Next year marks the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing all American women the right to vote.