



June 13, 2013

MEDIA ALERT

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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
will host a MEDIA PREVIEW of the
Newly Renovated Library Building and New Museum Exhibits
June 27, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.
FDR Presidential Library and Museum
Hyde Park, New York**

WHAT:

Hyde Park, NY -- INVITATION TO PRESS. The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will host a media preview event of the newly renovated Library building and new museum exhibits on Thursday, June 27, 2013 -- three days before the public opening of the fully-renovated museum.

The preview event will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the renovated lobby of the Roosevelt Library and will include a meet-and-greet with the Library Director, Supervisory Museum Curator, and renovation contractors.

Please see the attached press release (May 13, 2013) for additional information about the Library renovation and new museum exhibits. Photographs and film will be permitted and a media kit will be provided. Contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov to attend.

WHO:

Roosevelt Library Director Lynn Bassanese
Supervisory Museum Curator Herman Eberhardt
Renovation Contractors

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WHERE:

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
4079 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, New York 12538

WHEN:

3:00 p.m., Thursday, June 27, 2013

TO ATTEND:

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As generations of Americans that have no personal memory of the Roosevelt Era emerge, it is more critical than ever that the lives and legacies of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt be preserved and presented to new generations. The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum stands ready to serve as a visible and valuable resource for children and families, academics, policy analysts, and an international audience seeking to understand the past to make a better tomorrow. With a newly renovated building and new permanent museum exhibits -- opening on June 30, 2013 -- the Library seeks to honor President Roosevelt's vision in dedicating his Library to the American people. The FDR Presidential Library is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For more information about the Library call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

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PRESS RELEASE

Contact: Cliff Laube (845) 486-7745

**FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM
COMPLETES BUILDING RENOVATION AND
OPENS NEW MUSEUM
JUNE 30, 2013**

Hyde Park, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum announces the completion of the first renovation of the Library building since it opened in 1941. The National Archives and Records Administration will formally open the Library's new state-of-the-art permanent museum exhibits on June 30, 2013 (museum visitors can see the exhibits between 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., regular admission fees apply). An invitation-only, private Rededication Ceremony -- scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on June 30 -- will be webcast live at www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

Renovation

A full-scale renovation of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum began in May 2010. With the exception of two wings added in 1972 in honor of Mrs. Roosevelt, it is the first renovation of the Roosevelt Library since it was opened to the public on June 30, 1941. The project consisted of two phases over three years with a budget of \$35 million in federal funding. The renovation brings the Library's archives and museum up to the National Archives's standards for the preservation of historic collections, while carefully preserving the building's historic appearance.

New Museum Exhibits

The Roosevelt Library's new permanent museum exhibits are being installed with \$6 million in private funds raised by the Roosevelt Institute, the Library's private, non-profit

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partner. The new exhibits tell the story of the Roosevelt presidency beginning in the depths of the Great Depression and continuing through the New Deal and World War II with an emphasis on both Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt's relationship with the American people. **Special interactives, immersive audio-visual theaters, and rarely seen artifacts** will convey the dramatic story of the Roosevelt era as the Roosevelt Library brings a "New Deal to a New Generation."

Special Interactives

The new museum contains many interactive exhibits including touch screen experiences at the Oval Office Desk and FDR's Ford Phaeton. "Confront the Issues" are ten interactive touch screens strategically located throughout the exhibition that offer visitors the opportunity to explore digital "flipbooks" that contain documents, photographs, and excerpts from historians -- with multiple viewpoints -- related to controversial issues during Franklin D. Roosevelt's presidency. Topics include "Japanese American Internment," "FDR and the Holocaust," "FDR's Health," and "Did the New Deal Really Work?"

Immersive Audio-Visual Theaters

The new galleries will feature two immersive **Fireside Chat Environments**. Each of these environments will have a radio and period furnishings, inviting visitors to sit and listen. After the Chat audio concludes, visitors can hear readings of actual letters -- representing a variety of opinions -- giving the visitor a chance to hear how Americans felt about the president's leadership during the Depression and World War II.

The 500 square foot **Map Room** exhibit recreates FDR's secret White House Map Room. The walls within the room will also feature projections of maps and

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timelines of key battles and decisions, as well as animations. Visitors will be able to follow along with the maps just as FDR did, and understand the importance and context of his strategies.

At the center of the Map Room will be six interactive tables featuring animation and videos, spotlights on key countries and meetings that took place during the war, and trivia quiz opportunities. It will also display memos, calendars, and multiple maps used by FDR and his military advisers.

Rarely Seen Artifacts

“Behind the Scenes” provides visitors with an extraordinary opportunity to see large numbers of museum objects that don’t appear in the permanent exhibition. This special area of the new museum features storerooms with large glass viewing areas making it possible for visitors to get a special peek into the collections of the President and First Lady. Here, visitors can see FDR’s model ship collection, his 1936 Ford Phaeton (with hand-controls), Val-Kill furniture, family paintings and portraits, New Deal art and gifts of state.

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