

CAPITALS DONATE 2018 STANLEY CUP RING

Washington Capitals 2018 Stanley Cup Championship ring joins the distinguished collection at the Hockey Hall of Fame as the team celebrates their first Stanley Cup Championship in the franchise 43 year history

TORONTO (February 20, 2019) – Hockey Hall of Fame Vice President, Resource Centre and Curator Phil Pritchard added a 2018 Washington Capitals Stanley Cup ring to the Stanley Cup Championship display today at the Hockey Hall of Fame.

The championship ring, donated by the Washington Capitals organization, is featured as part of a special collection celebrating the current and past Stanley Cup champions. The ring will be added as the most current ring donated, along with the oldest ring in the collection presented to the Montreal AAA in 1893.

"It is our distinct honor to present the Hockey Hall of Fame with a 2018 Stanley Cup ring," said Capitals President Dick Patrick. "It is a tremendous privilege to be part of the splendor and history of our game that the Hockey Hall of Fame has represented so well for so many decades."

The ring is made of 14-karat white and yellow gold set with diamonds, rubies, and blue sapphires bringing the precious stone weight to an astonishing 10.2 carats. The top features the Capitals logo and is surrounded by 27 pavé-set diamonds, all of which is encircled by 28 custom taper-cut rubies. The three star-shaped rubies set above the logo are inspired by the Washington DC flag, where the stars represent Washington DC, Virginia, and Maryland. An additional 157 diamonds create a cascading waterfall effect down the sides of the ring top.

The left side of the ring features the player's name set above the Capitol building, which is created from 14-karat white gold. The player's numbers are set to the right with stones ranging from 7 to 18 diamonds.

The right side of the ring features the year 2018. Below that is the Stanley Cup created in white gold and set with 20 diamonds and one star-shaped ruby, which represents the team's first Stanley Cup Championship. Two additional star-shaped rubies flank either side of the Stanley Cup and commemorate the Capitals' two Eastern Conference Championships.

"We are very grateful to the Capitals organization," said Pritchard. "The 2018 Championship ring makes a great addition to the Stanley Cup Championship collection. Our guests, who visit us from not only Washington, but from around the world, will be thrilled to be able to view it."

About the Hockey Hall of Fame

The Hockey Hall of Fame ("HHOF") was established in 1943 to honour and memorialize individuals who have brought special distinction to the game of hockey and those who made outstanding contributions to the development and advancement of hockey anywhere in the world, and to collect, research, preserve, exhibit and promote objects, images and other historical materials connected with the game at all levels. As a not-for-profit corporation and registered charity, HHOF owns and operates a museum and place of entertainment offering state-of-the-art exhibits, multimedia presentations and educational programming from its premises at Brookfield Place, Toronto, Canada.

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