



RED WINGS DONATE 2008 STANLEY CUP RING

Detroit Red Wings 2008 Stanley Cup Championship ring joins distinguished collection at the Hockey Hall of Fame

TORONTO (March 10, 2009) – Hockey Hall of Fame curator Phil Pritchard today added a 2008 Detroit Red Wings Stanley Cup ring to the [Stanley Cup Championship Tribute display](#) at the Hockey Hall of Fame.

The ring, donated by Red Wings Executive Vice President and General Manager, Ken Holland, and President of Ilitch Holdings, Christopher Ilitch, is featured in a display celebrating the current Stanley Cup champions. The diamond-encrusted ring features a prominent team logo and pays homage to all eleven Detroit Red Wings Stanley Cup championships.



The 67 gram 14kt ring contains 170 round diamonds, 2 marquise diamonds, 3 pear shaped diamonds and 11 custom cut baguette diamonds. The coveted ring will eventually find its home in the [Stanley Cup vault](#) to be showcased with other Stanley Cup artifacts, such as the original Stanley Cup bowl, the first Stanley Cup ring presented to Billy Barlow in 1893, and the 2006/2007 Stanley Cup Championship ring donated by the Anaheim Ducks.

"We are very grateful to the Red Wings, and thrilled that their organization realizes the importance of keeping this tradition alive," said Pritchard. "Donations are the backbone of the Hockey Hall of Fame and allow us to tell hockey's greatest stories in a more meaningful and visual fashion."

Details about the donated 2008 Stanley Cup Championship Ring

Manufactured in 14 karat white gold, the 2008 Championship ring has the words STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONS on the top bezel with the Stanley Cup imbedded with diamonds set on a bed of diamonds depicting an arena and ice.

Formed into the cup is the winged wheel logo of the Detroit Red Wings set with custom cut baguette, marquise, pear shape and round diamonds. The side of the ring is set with diamonds going all the way around the ring.

The left shank of the ring has the name ILITCH on top. Under the name is the words RED WINGS. Under that is the NHL logo with four diamonds set beside the logo, representing the four Stanley Cup victories for the Ilitch's. Under the diamonds is the word "OWNER".

The right shank has 11 sculptured Stanley Cups each one engraved with the year that the Detroit Red Wings organization won the cup. The cup engraved with 08 is studded with diamonds.

On the inside of the ring, the word "FAMILY" is engraved, representing the family atmosphere that permeates throughout the Wings organization—from ownership on down, everyone is treated, conducts themselves and feels as if they are a part of the Red Wings family.



About the Hockey Hall of Fame

Established in 1943, the Hockey Hall of Fame is a museum and place of entertainment offering state-of-the-art multimedia presentations and exhibits from its premises at Brookfield Place, Toronto, Canada. Its mandate is to recognize and honour the achievements of individuals who bring special distinction to the game of hockey, and to collect and preserve objects, images and resource materials connected with the game as it is played in Canada and throughout the world.

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