A New President, A New Century
An Historic University. . .

Lee C. Bollinger to be Inducted as Columbia University’s Nineteenth President on October 3

Lee C. Bollinger will be inducted as president of Columbia University on Thurs., Oct. 3, amidst a day-long celebration that will highlight the talent, expertise and diversity of the many individuals who make up Columbia. The day will begin with a five kilometer morning run followed by a formal investiture ceremony during which global, local and community leaders and representatives from the entire Columbia community will greet the new president. The newly inducted president will present his vision for Columbia.

The celebration continues with a luncheon party on College Walk that will turn the campus into a New York style street fair with food carts and vendors. The program will stretch through the afternoon and into the evening with interdisciplinary academic symposia on pressing issues in society and a wide-range of student performances. All members of the Columbia community and general public are invited to attend.

For tickets, please call the Office of Presidential Events at 212-870-2527.

Schedule of Events
Thursday, October 3

7:30 a.m.
Five kilometer run with President Bollinger hosted by the Department of Physical Education and Intercolligate Athletics.
Starting at Grant’s Tomb in Riverside Park—advanced registration required. Call 212-870-2527.

10:00 a.m.
Investiture Ceremony, Low Plaza.
Gates open at 9 a.m.—please be seated by 10 a.m. for the processional.

2:00 – 3:15 p.m.
Symposia
“Perception, Memory, and Art” in Roone Arledge Auditorium, Alfred Lerner Hall
Eric Kandel, Richard Axel, Hilary Ballon, and David Freedberg
Facilitated by Elaine Sisman

“Ethics and Democracy” in Miller Theater
Ruth Fischbach, Philip Kitcher, and Kendall Thomas
Facilitated by Vincent Blasi

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.
Symposia
“The 21st Century City” in Roone Arledge Auditorium, Alfred Lerner Hall
Bernard Tschumi, Kenneth Jackson, Sheila Rothman
Facilitated by Owen Gutfreund

“Global Perspectives” in Miller Theater
Allan Rosenfield, Jeffrey Sachs, Jagdish Bhagwati
Facilitated by Lisa Anderson

6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Student Celebration on Low Plaza.
Student performances and an opportunity for President Bollinger to be introduced to the greatness, the breadth and the diversity of Columbia’s student body.

Salman Rushdie’s Midnight’s Children Comes to Harlem’s Apollo Theatre

BY LAUREN MARSHALL

An unprecedented collaboration among Columbia, the University of Michigan’s University Musical Society, the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) and the Apollo Theater in Harlem, will bring Salman Rushdie’s award-winning allegory of modern India, Midnight’s Children, to the stage—and to the United States—for the first time.

The New York City production, presented by Columbia, will run March 21 through March 30 at the Apollo on 125th Street. Midnight’s Children is a complex and important work combining three main tales: the turbulent history of twentieth-century India, Pakistan and Bangladesh; the saga of a Muslim family, and the story of one man, Saleem Sinai, whose telepathic powers allow him to communicate with other children born at the stroke of midnight on Aug. 15, 1947.

Rushdie, along with North American hosts, President Lee C. Bollinger and Ken Fisher, president of the University Musical Society, gathered recently at the Bryant Park Hotel in midtown to announce this groundbreaking co-production.

“Universities and cultural institutions are natural allies in seeking to understand the human condition,” said Bollinger, who was instrumental in forging the partnership with the RSC two years ago while president of the University of Michigan.

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June Massell Appointed VP of Communications, External Affairs

BY LAUREN MARSHALL

June Massell, an Emmy-award-winning television news journalist and media strategist, has been appointed vice president of Communications and External Affairs by President Lee C. Bollinger.
Massell, who joined the president’s senior management staff on September 3rd, oversees Columbia’s communications, media and external affairs activities.

“She comes to Columbia with a unique combination of extensive experiences in both journalism and media and communications strategy and a distinguished career in television news. “Columbia could not have found a more capable and experienced leader to oversee our primary means of reaching the world.”

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