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UK EXCLUSIVE: HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON & CHELSEA CLINTON TO CELEBRATE 'GUTSY WOMEN' AT SOUTHBANK CENTRE



Chelsea Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton © photographer Joe McNally

Southbank Centre, together with publishers **Simon & Schuster**, today announce **Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea Clinton** will appear exclusively at Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall on **Sunday 10 November 2019** as they celebrate the women who have inspired them throughout their lives, with the launch of their awaited book *The Book of Gutsy Women: Favourite Stories of Courage and Resilience*.

Hillary Rodham Clinton returns to the Royal Festival Hall after she launched her autobiography *What Happened* two years ago at the 2017 London Literature Festival. The event will mark Chelsea Clinton's debut at the venue, and they will be joined on stage by writer, broadcaster and professor of Classics, Mary Beard to chair the event.

Southbank Centre and Simon & Schuster will donate 300 free tickets to Lambeth State Secondary Schools and Southbank Centre's Youth Partners. They will take a seat in the Royal Festival Hall auditorium, which seats just over 2700 people and, along with the rest of the audience, will receive a hardback copy of *The Book of Gutsy Women*.

The Book of Gutsy Women covers portraits of more than 100 women marking histories that have all too often been overlooked or left unwritten including the stories of Mary Edwards Walker, a Civil War surgeon who was arrested more than once for wearing trousers; Rosa May Billinghurst, the suffragette who lost the use of her legs and campaigned in a tricycle for the right of women to vote and Manal al-Sharif, who captured the world's attention in 2011 when she filmed herself driving a car in defiance of Saudi custom.

With a diverse range of women's stories from Greta Thunberg, the 16-year-old climate activist whose Asperger's syndrome has shaped her advocacy, to Sor Juan Inés de la Cruz, a 17th-century nun and poet whose outspoken views on women's role in society scandalised audiences.

Secretary Clinton said, *“Each of these women has fought and won the kinds of victories that pave the way for progress for all of us. To us, they are all gutsy women—leaders with the courage to stand up to the status quo, ask hard questions, and get the job done. This book is a continuation of a conversation Chelsea and I have been having since she was a little girl, and we are excited to welcome others into that conversation.”*

Chelsea Clinton said, *“The gutsy women in this book share a fierce optimism that their work and lives will make a difference in the world. And, they're right. We hope readers will draw strength from their stories as we have, because if history shows one thing, it's that the world needs more gutsy women.”*

Bea Colley, Acting Senior Literature Programmer, Southbank Centre said, *“We are absolutely delighted that Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea Clinton have chosen to launch *The Book of Gutsy Women* at Southbank Centre, the home of literature and a place that has long been an advocate for gender equality. We're looking forward to welcoming Secretary Clinton back after the huge success of her appearance here in 2017. This event promises to be altogether different in subject matter, and just as compelling, and I can't wait to hear our audiences engage in conversation on inspirational women with these two women.”*

Secretary Clinton's previous books include *IT TAKES A VILLAGE* (1996); *DEAR SOCKS, DEAR BUDDY: Kids' Letters to the First Pets* (1998); *AN INVITATION TO THE WHITE HOUSE: At Home With History* (2000); *LIVING HISTORY* (2003); and #1 Sunday Times bestsellers *HARD CHOICES* (2014); and *WHAT HAPPENED* (2017). All of her memoirs have been instant #1 New York Times bestsellers.

Chelsea Clinton is the author of the #1 New York Times bestseller *SHE PERSISTED: 13 American Women Who Changed the World* (2017); *DON'T LET THEM DISAPPEAR: 12 Endangered Species Across the Globe* (2019); *SHE PERSISTED AROUND THE WORLD: 13 Women Who Changed History* (2018); *START NOW! You Can Make a Difference* (2018); *IT'S YOUR WORLD: Get Informed, Get Inspired & Get Going!* (2015); and, with Devi Sridhar, *GOVERNING GLOBAL HEALTH: Who Runs the World and Why?* (2017).

Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea Clinton's event is part of Southbank Centre's stellar 2019 Autumn Literature programme. Speakers include **Julie Andrews, Richard Ayode, Malorie**

Blackman, Richard Dawkins, Malcolm Gladwell, Lenny Henry, Nadiya Hussain, Etgar Keret, Celeste Ng, Will Self and Louis Theroux.

Tickets for the event go on sale to Southbank Centre Members on Thursday 3 October and to the general public on Friday 4 October www.southbankcentre.co.uk / 0203 879 9555

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If you wish to apply for press accreditation for Hillary Rodham Clinton & Chelsea Clinton: The Book of Gutsy Women event at Southbank Centre, please fill in the press accreditation form [here](#).

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NOTES TO EDITORS

The Book of Gutsy Women by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea Clinton is published by Simon & Schuster on Tuesday 1 October 2019.

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Mary Beard - chair

Mary Beard is a professor of Classics at Newnham College, Cambridge, and the Classics editor of the TLS. She has world-wide academic acclaim. Her books include the bestsellers *Pompeii: The Life of a Roman Town* (winner of the Wolfson History Prize), *SPQR: A History of Ancient Rome*, and *Women & Power: A Manifesto*. She is the presenter of BBC2's culture show, Front Row Late.

Hillary Rodham Clinton & Chelsea Clinton: The Book of Gutsy Women

Sunday 10 November 2019, 7pm, Royal Festival Hall

Tickets £32, £47, £57. Ticket includes a copy of The Book of Gutsy Women (RRP £25).

Age recommendation 14+

In a UK-exclusive event, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea Clinton discuss their new release, *The Book of Gutsy Women: Favourite Stories of Courage and Resilience*, in conversation with Mary Beard.

Join them as they celebrate the women who have inspired them throughout their lives and made a difference in the world.

The book tells the stories of a diverse range of women, from Greta Thunberg, the 16-year-old climate activist whose Asperger syndrome has shaped her advocacy, to Sor Juan Inés de la Cruz, a 17th-century nun and poet whose outspoken views on women's role in society scandalised audiences.

Through portraits of more than 100 women, *The Book of Gutsy Women* marks histories that have all too often been overlooked or left unwritten: Mary Edwards Walker, a Civil War surgeon who was arrested more than once for wearing trousers; Rosa May Billinghurst, the suffragette who lost the use of her legs and campaigned in an adapted tricycle for the right of women to vote; and Manal al-Sharif, who captured the world's attention in 2011 when she filmed herself driving a car in defiance of Saudi custom.

About Southbank Centre

Southbank Centre is the UK's largest arts centre and one of the UK's top five visitor attractions, occupying a 17 acre site that sits in the midst of London's most vibrant cultural quarter on the South Bank of the Thames. We exist to present great cultural experiences that bring people together and we achieve this by providing the space for artists to create and present their best work and by creating a place where as many people as possible can come together to experience bold, unusual and eye-opening work. We want to take people out of the everyday, every day.

The site has an extraordinary creative and architectural history stretching back to the 1951 Festival of Britain. Southbank Centre is made up of the Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Purcell Room and Hayward Gallery as well as being home to the National Poetry Library and the Arts Council Collection. It is also home to four Resident Orchestras (London Philharmonic Orchestra, Philharmonia Orchestra, London Sinfonietta and Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment) and four Associate Orchestras (Aurora Orchestra, BBC Concert Orchestra, Chineke! Orchestra and National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain).

Literature at Southbank Centre

Southbank Centre has a lively and diverse literature programme which takes place throughout the year and includes its annual London Literature Festival and biennial *Poetry International* festival. Featuring talks, debates, workshops, performance, live reading and more, Southbank Centre's literature programme has played host to some of the world's greatest writers and thinkers including Margaret Atwood, Philip Pullman, John le Carré, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Professor Stephen Hawking, Richard Dawkins, Neil Gaiman, Naomi Klein, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Tom Hanks, Michelle Obama, Roxane Gay and Zadie Smith. London Literature Festival, now in its thirteenth year, takes place 17-27 October 2019 and opens with *Poetry International*.