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**Washington Spirit and Kennedy Center Announce Groundbreaking Partnership**

**Washington, D.C.**, (04/29/2022) - Today the Washington Spirit announces its 2022 front-of-jersey partner, effective at the start of the regular season on Sunday, May 1. The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts will take center stage on the defending NWSL champions' 10th Anniversary Kit. It is the first partnership of its kind for the nation's performing arts center.

This new partnership aligns with the Washington Spirit's focus on being a proud representative of our nation's capital and deepens its support for and involvement in the greater Washington, D.C. community. "The arts and sports have both served as unifying beacons of light in the District throughout a colorful and illustrious history. Whether it be through the long list of world-class athletes who have competed for DC, the 12 league championships the District's seven major professional sports teams have combined, or the seemingly unending list of acclaimed operas, musicals, festivals, dance, and theatrical performances, Washington, D.C. is known across the nation as a unique cultural hotspot," says Washington Spirit Majority Owner Michele Kang. "We're honored to partner with the Kennedy Center and are excited to bolster the connection between the sports and arts communities in this region."

"As we celebrate the Center's rich history and look to the future of the arts during our 50th anniversary, we are honored to participate in an unprecedented partnership with this team of champions," said Kennedy Center President Deborah F. Rutter. "This collaboration with Washington Spirit creates an opportunity for the Center and the team to shift the way our audiences experience the relationship between the arts and sports in the city."

Recognizing the multitude of ways in which sports and the arts can intersect, The Kennedy Center and the Washington Spirit will collaborate closely to provide opportunities for fans and supporters to experience both. This first-of-its-kind programming-centric, content-driven partnership seeks to further the Kennedy Center's wide-range of artistic offerings while elevating women's professional sports regionally, nationally, and globally.

Fans and supporters can place their pre-sale order for this new kit featuring the Kennedy Center on May 1 starting at 10am ET in the Washington Spirit online store.

The Washington Spirit kick off the 2022 regular season at 5:00 p.m. EST on Sunday, May 1 at Audi Field against Seattle's OL Reign. Notably, the season opener will also present the official championship celebration including the championship ring ceremony, a celebratory banner reveal, the unveiling of a proclamation from Mayor Muriel Bowser designating November 20<sup>th</sup> as Washington Spirit Day, and a musical performance from Grammy Award-Winning Artist Ella Mai. Fans can secure a Full 90 Club season ticket membership [here](#) or by calling 202-536-5999. Single match tickets are also available and can be purchased [here](#).

### **About The Washington Spirit**

The Washington Spirit is the professional women's soccer team based at Audi Field in Washington, D.C. and Segra Field in Leesburg, Virginia. Launched in 2012, the Spirit play in the National Women's Soccer League, the premier women's soccer competition in North America. For more information about the Spirit, visit [www.WashingtonSpirit.com](http://www.WashingtonSpirit.com), follow the club on Twitter [@WashSpirit](https://twitter.com/WashSpirit) and on Facebook at [facebook.com/washingtonspirit](https://facebook.com/washingtonspirit).

### **About The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is America's living memorial to President John F. Kennedy, attracting millions of visitors each year to more than 2,000 performances, events, and exhibits. With its artistic affiliates, the National Symphony Orchestra and Washington National Opera, the Center is one of the nation's busiest performing arts centers dedicated to providing world-class art, powerful education, and outstanding memorial experiences to the broadest possible constituency. Across all its offerings, the Kennedy Center is committed to increasing accessible, inclusive opportunities for all people to participate in, and learn through the arts, including more than 400 free performances each year and a variety of [Specially Priced Ticket](#) programs for students, seniors, persons with disabilities, and others. On September 7, 2019, the Kennedy Center inaugurated the REACH, its first-ever major expansion. Designed by Steven Holl Associates, the REACH provides visitors with new opportunities to interact and engage with the Center as the nation's premier nexus of arts, learning, and culture. In the 2021-2022 season, the Center celebrates its 50th Anniversary. To learn more about the Kennedy Center, please visit [www.kennedy-center.org](http://www.kennedy-center.org)