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## NATION'S LARGEST CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN TO RETURN TO BOSTON

## **Registration Opens June 15**

**BOSTON June 12, 2023 –** For the first time in three years, the Massachusetts Conference for Women will be held fully in person on Thursday, December 14, at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

Registration for the event – which is expected to sell out – opens this Thursday, June 15, at 9 a.m. ET at https://www.maconferenceforwomen.org

The Massachusetts Conference for Women showcases pathbreaking women leaders, offers a community of women supporting women, and provides practical tips to help women advance in their careers and personal lives. It is the largest conference for women in the nation.

This year's keynote speakers exemplify both new and bold leadership. Among the first to be announced:

- **Jacinda Ardern**, former prime minister of New Zealand, who has been widely praised for ushering in a new generation of strong, empathetic leadership and recently accepted two fellowships at Harvard University.
- Margaret Atwood, two-time Booker Prize-winning author of more than 50 books, including *The Handmaid's Tale*, in conversation with Radhika Jones, Editor-in-Chief, *Vanity Fair*.

• **Michelle Yeoh**, Academy Award-winning actress for *Everything Everywhere* and *Time* 2022 Icon of the Year.

## Other speakers include:

- **Jenny Odell**, the *New York Times* best-selling author of *How to Do Nothing:* Resisting the Attention Economy. Her latest book is *Saving Time: Discovering a Life Beyond the Clock*.
- Julie Rice, co-founder of the fitness company SoulCycle and Peoplehood, an organization dedicated to making the world a more connected and empathetic place.
- Kimberly Brown, a career and leadership expert whose mission is to help women and people of color navigate the workplace, make more money, and become industry leaders.

The theme for the 2023 conference is "Be Brave. Be Bold. Be Daring: The Power of Us" – reflecting women's growing desire to find meaning at work and the benefit of coming together in community.

It also reflects a shift in what is on women's minds in 2023, according to an annual Conference for Women survey. Last year, women's top interests were mental health and self-care. This year, they are advancement and leadership.

"Advancing women in today's changing workplaces is critically important to the economy of the Commonwealth and beyond," said Kathy Horgan, Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources and Citizenship Officer at State Street Corporation. "State Street is proud to once again serve as the presenting sponsor of the Massachusetts Conference for Women and to support its important work."

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