

TENNIS CHAMPION VENUS WILLIAMS TO PLAY IN WOMEN'S TENNIS CLASSIC AT 2023 DALLAS OPEN

Seven-time Grand Slam Titles Champion to Play at Second-Year Dallas Event



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DALLAS (December 6, 2022) –The Dallas Open today announced that tennis champion Venus Williams will play in the inaugural Women's Tennis Classic Showcase on Saturday, February 4, 2023, at 7 PM CT, as part of the second-year event. Williams' opponent for the match will be No. 14 ranked Danielle Collins. Williams and Collins will play a best of three singles match with a Tie-Break for the third. The 2023 Dallas Open is scheduled to be played February 4-12 at the Styslinger/Altec Tennis Complex at SMU.

A former world No. 1 in both singles and doubles, Williams has won seven Grand Slam singles titles – five at Wimbledon and two at the US Open. She is widely regarded as one of the all-time greats of the sport.

"We are thrilled to announce that Venus Williams will join us in our inaugural showcase of women's tennis at the 2023 ATP Dallas Open, playing in the Women's Tennis Classic," said Peter Lebedevs, Dallas Open tournament director. "In addition to some of the best names in the sport expected to compete in the ATP Dallas Open, having a legend like Venus join us just adds to a fantastic week of tennis."

Williams, 42, turned pro in 1994, reaching her first major final at the 1997 US Open. In 2000 and 2001, she claimed both the Wimbledon and US Open titles, as well as Olympic singles gold at the 2000 Sydney Olympics. Williams reached the singles world No. 1 ranking on February 25, 2002, becoming the first African American player to do so in the Open Era. Along with her seven singles major titles, Williams has also won two mixed doubles major titles, 14 women's doubles major titles and four Olympic gold medals.

Premium seating and weeklong tickets which include the women's match are on sale now and available at dallasopen.com. Individual session tickets will go on sale

on December 12.

The 2022 Dallas Open last February marked the return of ATP Tour level tennis to Dallas for the first time in more than 30 years. The tournament featured over 60 world-class ATP Tour professionals and was televised worldwide to more than 100 countries.

About The Dallas Open

The Dallas Open is an ATP Tour 250 men's tournament that will play its second year in Dallas on February 4-12, 2023, at the Styslinger/Altec Tennis Complex at SMU. It will be the only ATP Tour indoor championship in the United States, and features men's top world tennis players in singles and doubles competition. The tournament, previously held as the New York Open, is one of the longest-running American tournaments on the ATP Tour. Its rich history features some of the top names in tennis, including legends John McEnroe, Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi, Andy Roddick, Michael Chang, and Andy Murray, and a current generation of stars like John Isner, Kei Nishikori, Milos Raonic, and Reilly Opelka.

About GF Sports & Entertainment

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GF Sports & Entertainment was founded in July 2015 by New York-based private equity firm GF Capital. For additional information, please visit www.gfsportsandentertainment.com.

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