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Acclaimed D.C. Author Marita Golden Discusses D.C.’s Alzheimer’s Struggle

WASHINGTON, D.C.: The Historical Society of Washington, D.C., in partnership with the Newseum, presents the panel discussion, “The Wide Circumference of Love and D.C.’s History with Alzheimer’s,” on Saturday, October 21, 1-2:30 pm at the Newseum’s Documentary Theater.

Focused on compelling characters struggling with Alzheimer’s disease, Golden’s novel raises larger issues of the disproportionate impact of Alzheimer’s among African Americans. The panel brings together acclaimed Washington novelist Marita Golden, author of The Wide Circumference of Love; Washington Post Magazine editor Marcia Davis; Stephanie Monroe, director of Us Against Alzheimer’s; and Gary Williams, whose family was featured in Golden’s Washington Post Magazine feature, “A Quiet Desperation.” The panel will be moderated by historian Izetta Autumn Mobley of the Historical Society. The event will conclude with a book signing by the author.

Tickets are now on sale: http://bit.ly/2h9Vgdy
“My novel *The Wide Circumference of Love* is in many ways an ode to Washington, D.C. my native city, its drama, trauma, change and evolution over thirty five years, and serves as the backdrop for a story of love and family and faith,” said Marita Golden about her most recent book, which was released in March, 2017. “I could not have recreated or honored my city on the pages of the novel without the invaluable resources of the Historical Society of Washington, D.C.”

Marita Golden is the author of 16 works of fiction and non-fiction, including *Long Distance Life, After, and The Edge of Heaven*. Her articles and essays have appeared in numerous publications including *Essence Magazine*, the *New York Times*, and the *Washington Post*. Golden holds degrees from American University and the Columbia School of Journalism, and has taught or held writer in residence positions at George Mason University, American University, and the University of the District of Columbia. In recognition of her career and work as a literary activist she has received a Distinguished Service Award from the Authors Guild in 2002.

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