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Kathryn Kolbert, Esq.

Kathryn Kolbert has had a long and distinguished career advancing women's rights. As a public-interest attorney, journalist, executive in the non-profit world, she made her second appearance before the U.S. Supreme Court arguing the 1992 landmark case of *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. *Casey* has been widely credited with saving *Roe v. Wade* until 2022 when both *Roe* and *Casey* were overruled by the Supreme Court in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.

A co-founder of the Center for Reproductive Rights, Kolbert has been recognized by *The National Law Journal* as one of the "100 Most Influential Lawyers in America," and by *The American Lawyer* as one of 45 public-interest lawyers "whose vision and commitment are changing lives." She is the co-author with Julie F. Kay of *Controlling Women: What We Must Do Now to Save Reproductive Freedom*, which details nearly five decades of legal battles to save *Roe*, accurately predicted its demise and proposes audacious new strategies for moving forward at this perilous time. Her Ted talk, "The End of *Roe* and What Comes Next for Reproductive Freedom" has received over two million views.

Kolbert's extensive activism and policy work includes many years of service in Philadelphia. She was a Staff Attorney with the Women's Law Project and Community Legal Services and developed and managed a program on law and American life at the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg Public Policy Center. While at Penn she created and executive produced NPR's *Justice Talking*, an award-winning public radio program heard around the globe. A graduate of Temple University School of Law, Kolbert is a highly sought-after speaker at organizations throughout the country on women's and constitutional rights, activism, and leadership.

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SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY:

Vanessa N. Collier

As a master musician and multi-instrumentalist, Vanessa N. Collier weaves funk, soul, rock, and blues into every powerful performance. With soulful vocals, searing saxophone, and witty songwriting, Vanessa is blazing a trail, racking up an impressive arsenal of honors, and has already singled herself out as an artist of distinction. She has won three Blues Music Awards - two for "Horn Player of the Year" in 2019 and 2020 and one in 2022 for "Contemporary Blues Female Artist of the Year." Vanessa has been nominated for nine Blues Music Awards since 2017, which puts her in elite company with artists such as Beth Hart, Samantha Fish, Shemekia Copeland, Ruthie Foster, Trombone Shorty, Al Basile, and Jimmy Carpenter.

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