

Senator John F Kerry and Four Olympic Athletes Sign Book to go on Auction Block at WGBH-TV Boston

LENOX, Mass. – May 24 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – Boston’s annual WGBH-TV auction, the largest community-driven event in New England, has a book with notable signatures on the auction block this year signed by Senator Kerry, Billy Rodgers, Frank Shorter, Joan Benoit and Catherine Ndereba, notes author Kathleen Cleary. “If This Is Heaven, I Am Going to be a Good Boy, the Tommy Leonard Story” (ISBN-13: 978-0595356980), will be auctioned on Friday, June 8th during the Sports and Collectibles Night of the auction.

Senator Kerry, US Senator from Massachusetts and former presidential candidate, wrote the epigraph to the book stating: “Tom Leonard is the genuine article. He instinctively knows when something is the ‘right thing to do’ and fearlessly, doggedly makes sure it gets done. Whenever I was fortunate enough to share any time with Tommy, I always walked away shaking my head with a smile on my face.”

The book has also been signed by:

Billy Rodgers

4 x winner of Boston Marathon

4 x winner of NYC Marathon

3 x Falmouth Road Race winner

1976 Olympic Athlete

Frank Shorter

1972 Olympic gold medallist, Marathon

2 x Falmouth Road Race winner

Joan Benoit Samuelson

First Olympic gold medallist in Marathon for women, 1984

2 x Boston Marathon winner

6 x Falmouth Road Race winner

Former World Record holder, marathon

Catherine Ndereba

4 x winner Boston Marathon

Olympic Silver medallist, 2004

2 x winner NYC Marathon

3 x winner Falmouth Road Race

Former World Record holder, marathon

Billy Rodgers has called Tommy “perhaps the most inspirational force in New England road racing,”

This biography recounts the untold childhood and celebrated life of one of

Boston's most legendary barkeeps and founder of the Falmouth Road Race. Detailed information can be found at www.kathleencleary.com.

The April 2007 issue of "Cape Cod Life" features 400 Cape personalities who make a difference, including Tommy Leonard. Boston Magazine's 2006 annual "New England Travel and Life" publication named the Falmouth Road Race the best road race in New England.

Information on the auction can be found at <http://www.wgbh.org/auction>. Online bidding begins Friday, May 25th through Sunday, June 10th while the TV auction runs Monday – Friday, June 4 to 8th. Sports and Collectible Night is Friday, June 8th.

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