## reunion **CARLETON**



Dear Fellow '78 Classmates,

Register online now for our Carleton Class of '78 Reunion, held June 16-18, and help us win the 2024 Oscar for Best Picture when we pose that Friday afternoon for our class photo. Reunion promises to be The Greatest Show on Earth. If missed, you'll suffer The Lost Weekend in Nomadland.

Whether you found post-graduate success as a Slumdog Millionaire, Moonlighted as a Midnight Cowboy, or stayed home to raise your Million Dollar Baby, we members of the Class of '78 are no Ordinary People. For many, Carleton developed in us A Beautiful Mind during what were The Best Years of Our Lives. Others might have felt The Sting of a GPA that sank like the Titanic, under the academic workload. Whatever your college experience, you're our Rocky, with whom we'll exchange heartfelt Terms of Endearment when we gather in June.

A wide-ranging schedule of activities, both All-Class and Class of '78-specific, awaits. Prioritize ahead, as it will be impossible to attend Everything Everywhere All At Once.

Friday's All-Class events will Spotlight the Alumni College talks and panel discussions, such as parenting through the college-admissions process, Title IX at Carleton, critical thinking, and climate change and sustainability.

Open your Green Book and take the Arb walking tour or sign up for the Arb service project. Various academic departments will hold Friday gatherings where, depending on your major, you might discuss Hamlet, make The French Connection, or even debate The Shape of Water.

Be a Braveheart and challenge the early morning all-class Bill Huyck '53 memorial Reunion 5k Arb Run on Saturday. Afterward, join the Cavalcade heading to the Bald Spot for the Parade of Classes, the Reunion Convocation in Skinner, and an alumni-author book signing.

A Class of '78-specific dinner in the LDC will follow Friday's class photo. Come Crash Saturday's discussion by Helene Wecker '97 of her new book The Hidden Palace, with Ellen Jenkins Jennings '78 moderating and us reading it beforehand. Tune up your Gladiator '78 baseball mitts before we run like Forrest Gump to the Hill of Three Oaks to battle the Class of '73 in a reunion game of Rotblatt. Beverages and victory will be provided as we watch their '73 egos limp off to The Hurt Locker.

Saturday evening's Class of '78 dinner and our third Stories under the Stars, emceed by Terry Moore '78, will take place downtown at the Grand Theater. Classmates (yes, YOU!) will take the stage to enlighten and entertain us with brief stories that touch on our shared humanity. Perhaps you were lucky to get Out of Africa alive while on that trip Around the World in 80 Days. You saw Tom Jones in a life-changing concert, your dad had a confrontation with Patton during WWII, you dreaded The English Patient during your med school clinical rotation, or you had an early-career Gentleman's Agreement gone bad when sharing The Apartment with a work colleague. Even a Carleton campus West Side Story about How It Happened One Night during freshman year in Musser would be fair game. More storytellers are wanted. So, contact either Rob Smulian (<a href="mailto:rsmulian@att.net">rsmulian@att.net</a>) or Chris Solso (cksolso@gmail.com) for details and advice.

Know that you will be Unforgiven for not attending Reunion. Our Class of '78 oncampus housing will be in Cassat Hall (built 2008). Although not a Grand Hotel, we were promised air-conditioning units in each room, allowing us to sleep even In The Heat of The Night. Reserve your spot NOW.

The Class of '78 Reunion Committee:

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