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The Smithsonian Associates Presents
“Sugar Ray’s Big Fight: Inside the World of Boxing”

The Smithsonian Associates presents an evening with six-time world champion boxer and Olympic gold medalist, Sugar Ray Leonard, Wednesday, Oct. 31, at 7 p.m. in Baird Auditorium at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History. In a conversation moderated by former Washington Redskins and Washington Senators stadium announcer, Phil Hochberg, Leonard will share stories of his life and boxing career with his trainer Janks Morton and Washington public relations veteran, Charlie Brotman, both of whom have been with him since the beginning of his career.

The audience will get an intimate look at the sport and business of boxing, as Leonard reflects on his years of intensive training, his transition from Olympic gold medalist to professional boxer and some of his most memorable bouts. Leonard will also discuss his work as a mentor to young boxers in the metropolitan Washington area. His autobiography, *The Big Fight: My Life In and Out of the Ring*, is available for purchase and signing following the program.

Ticket prices for the Smithsonian presentation are \$30 for general admission and \$20 for Associate members. For tickets and information, the public may call (202) 633-3030 or visit www.smithsonianassociates.org.

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