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America's Favorite Running All-Stars—Meb Keflezighi, Ryan Hall, and Kara Goucher—Ready to Race 2013 ING New York City Marathon

Trio is part of American field containing six Olympians, also including Julie Culley, Amy Hastings, and Janet Bawcom

New York, July 30, 2013—Three of the nation's most accomplished and admired long-distance runners—Meb Keflezighi, Ryan Hall, and Kara Goucher—will run the 2013 ING New York City Marathon on Sunday, November 3, it was announced today by New York Road Runners president and CEO Mary Wittenberg. The talented trio will lead a group of highly competitive U.S. athletes who are the first official entrants into this year's professional athlete field. Keflezighi, Hall, and Goucher are among the total of six Olympic athletes confirmed thus far, along with 2012 U.S. Olympians Julie Culley (5000 meters), Amy Hastings (10,000 meters), and Janet Bawcom (10,000 meters).

Additional top American men announced for the race include two-time fourth-place Boston Marathon finisher Jason Hartmann, last year's eighth-ranked U.S. marathoner Ryan Vail, and 2013 World Championships team member Jeffrey Eggleston. Other top American women include 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials 10,000-meter fifth-place finisher Alisha Williams, 2013 USA Half-Marathon Champion Adriana Nelson, and Mattie Suver, the top American finisher at the 2013 Oakley New York Mini 10K.

Athlete Backgrounds and Notable Performances

- Keflezighi, 38, of San Diego, CA, was the 2004 Athens Olympic Marathon silver medalist and finished fourth in the 2012 London Olympic Marathon. In 2009, he became the first American since Alberto Salazar in 1982 to win the ING New York City Marathon. Keflezighi has finished in the top 10 in the ING New York City Marathon six times, most recently with a sixth-place finish in 2011.
- Hall, 30, of Redding, CA, will be running the ING New York City Marathon for the second time after finishing fourth in 2009 in 2:10:36. He finished 10th in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Marathon, but was forced to drop out of the 2012 London race with a hamstring injury. At the 2011 Boston Marathon, Hall took fourth place in a time of 2:04:58—the fastest all-conditions performance ever run by an American. He holds the American half-marathon record at 59:43.
- Goucher, 35, of Portland, OR, ran the fastest-ever-marathon-debut by an American woman when she finished third at the 2008 ING New York City Marathon in a time of 2:25:33, also the fastest time ever by an American woman in New York. It was the first time in 14 years that an American woman had placed in the top three at the race. At the Boston Marathon, Goucher has finished third in 2009, fifth in 2011 (in a personal-best 2:24:52), and sixth this year. She finished 11th in the 2012 London Olympic Marathon in a time of 2:26:07. She was the 2007 World Championships bronze medalist at 10,000 meters.

Quotes

Ryan Hall

“I have one goal in mind for this year’s ING New York City Marathon: redemption—restore what has been lost. I have had my fair share of struggles since qualifying for the 2012 London Olympic Marathon; however, those struggles are now behind me and the lessons learned are paving the path to what I hope is a very redemptive ING New York City Marathon. I am expecting this year’s race to be the most inspirational race in recent memory.”

Meb Keflezighi

“Running the ING New York City Marathon is always a great pleasure and honor for me. This year's race will be extra-special because of the cancellation last year. As always, I will train and ‘run to win.’”

Kara Goucher

“I am so excited to be returning to the ING New York City Marathon. So much in my life has changed during the five years since I last ran this race, but my love for NYC remains the same; it feels like a full-circle moment to return to NYC, where my marathon career began and to return with my son. NYRR has been such an incredible and supportive part of my marathon career. I have been eager to return to NYC when the timing was right, and the time is now. I look forward to testing myself in the most prestigious marathon in the world.”

Mary Wittenberg

“Meb, Ryan, and Kara are examples of what is so great about our sport—competitors who overcome obstacles, keep going, and help lift the running community. On Marathon Day we’ll run for our City, for Boston, and for runners everywhere. In this year of added meaning, it is an honor to welcome back so many of our City’s and our nation’s favorite American runners and to have these three great athletes lead us as the spirit and excitement of this great race returns to New York.”

Elite Men	Marathon Personal Best	Twitter
Ryan Hall	2:04:58	@ryanhall3
Meb Keflezighi	2:09:08	@runmeb
Jason Hartmann	2:11:06	@JasonRHartmann
Ryan Vail	2:11:45	@ryanvail
Jeff Eggleston	2:12:03	@jde66leston

Elite Women	Marathon Personal Best	Twitter Handle
Kara Goucher	2:24:52	@karagoucher
Amy Hastings	2:27:03	@HastyHastings
Adriana Nelson	2:28:52	@adi_nelson
Janet Bawcom	2:29:45	@janetrans
Alisha Williams	2:34:58	@alirunnerco
Mattie Suver	2:50:23	@suver2
Julie Culley	Debut	@julieculley

The Marathon will be televised live nationally on ESPN2 and WatchESPN.com from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EST, and will be available on mobile devices via WatchESPN. Locally, New Yorkers can watch the race on ABC7 or 7online.com from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or via WatchABC on mobile devices. Also on Sunday, there will be a national highlight show on local ABC affiliates from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

For the latest Marathon news, updates, features, and media information, please visit the NYRR online media room at media.nyrr.org or follow us on Twitter [@nyrrnews](https://twitter.com/nyrrnews).

About the ING New York City Marathon

NYRR’s premier event, the ING New York City Marathon is the most loved and most inclusive marathon in the world, attracting elite athletes and recreational runners alike for the challenge and thrill of a lifetime. The race has grown tremendously since it began in 1970 with just 127 runners racing four laps of Central Park. Now, more than 48,000 participants from all over the globe flock to New York City every November for an adrenaline-filled road tour of all five boroughs, starting on Staten Island at the foot of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and ending in Central Park. Some run for prize money or bragging rights, others for charity or their personal best. All are cheered on by more than two million live spectators and a TV audience of 330 million.