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Defending Champions Geoffrey Mutai and Firehiwot Dado, Reigning World and Olympic Marathon Champion Stephen Kiprotich, and Two-time World Marathon Champion and 2010 Winner Edna Kiplagat Lead International Field for 2013 ING New York City Marathon

2012 Olympic Marathon silver medalist Priscah Jeptoo will battle Kiplagat in a race within the race for the women's 2012-2013 World Marathon Majors series crown

New York, September 19, 2013—A commanding collection of the world's best marathoners will vie for the New York and 2012–2013 World Marathon Majors (WMM) titles at the 2013 ING New York City Marathon on November 3. Reigning champion and course record-holder Geoffrey Mutai will take on 2013 IAAF World Championships marathon champion and 2012 Olympic Games men's marathon winner Stephen Kiprotich, while defending champion Firehiwot Dado will battle two-time IAAF World Championships marathon champion and 2010 ING New York City Marathon champion Edna Kiplagat and 2012 Olympic Marathon silver medalist Priscah Jeptoo, it was announced today by New York Road Runners president and CEO Mary Wittenberg.

The professional fields will include a total of 23 Olympians, representing 23 countries. The U.S. men and women's professional entrants were previously [announced](#). It was also announced today that the women's field will lose two-time Olympian and IAAF World Championships medalist Kara Goucher due to a foot injury.

Additional top international men announced for the race include 2012 Paris Marathon winner Stanley Biwott, 2012 B.A.A. Boston Marathon champion Wesley Korir, 2012 NYC Half winner Peter Kirui, two-time Olympian José Manuel "Chema" Martinez, two-time IAAF World Championships competitor (2011, 2013) and popular Japanese "citizen runner" Yuki Kawauchi and his compatriot Masato Imai, 2013 NYC Half runner-up and 2012 UAE Healthy Kidney 10K champion Daniele Meucci, and IAAF World Championships and European Championships steeplechase medalist Bob Tahri.

Additional top international women announced include two-time ING New York City Marathon champion (2005, 06) Jelena Prokopcuka, 2011 ING New York City Marathon runner-up and Bronx resident Buzunesh Deba, 2013 Osaka Marathon champion Tetyana Gamera-Shmyrko, 2012 Olympian Risa Shigetomo, 2009 ING New York City Marathon bronze medalist Christelle Daunay, three-time Olympian Kim Smith, 2012 Olympian and 2011 ING New York City Marathon fourth-place finisher Ana Dulce Félix, 2012 Olympian Lisa Stublic, three-time Olympian Sabrina Mockenhaupt, 2012 Olympian and Brazilian record-holder Adriana Da Silva, 2013 NYC Half runner-up Diane Nukuri-Johnson, and South American half-marathon record-holder Yolanda Caballero.

Athlete Backgrounds and Notable Performances

- Mutai, 31, of Kenya, is the reigning ING New York City Marathon champion and the course record-holder (2:05:05). He ran the fastest marathon ever in a time of 2 hours 3 minutes 2 seconds at the 2011 B.A.A. Boston Marathon. He was the 2011-12 World Marathon Majors series champion; he clinched the title with a victory at the 2012 BMW Berlin Marathon in 2:04:15.
- Dado, 29, of Ethiopia, is the defending ING New York City Marathon champion. Her winning time of 2:23:15 was the fastest ever by an Ethiopian and sixth fastest overall at New York City. Dado came to New York City having won the Rome Marathon for three consecutive years (2009-11). She is also the 2012 NYC Half winner and course record-holder (1:08:35).
- Kiprotich, 24, of Uganda, won the 2012 Olympic men’s marathon in a time of 2:08:01. His subsequent victory at the 2013 IAAF World Championships marathon (2:09:51) made him only the second man in history to earn both titles. He is Uganda's first Olympic Marathon medalist and the first man and second Ugandan ever to win gold at any event in the World Championships.
- Kiplagat, 33, of Kenya, is the reigning world marathon champion and is also the 2011 IAAF world champion in the same distance. She is the only woman to successfully defend her gold medal at the IAAF World Championships. Kiplagat won the 2010 ING New York City Marathon in a time of 2:28:20.
- Jeptoo, 29, of Kenya, is the 2012 Olympic women’s marathon silver medalist and the 2013 Virgin London Marathon champion. She won the Bupa Great North Run on September 15, 2013 in 65:45, the third-fastest performance in history over any course. Jeptoo won a trio of marathons from 2009 to 2011: the Porto Marathon (2:30:40), Turin Marathon (2:27:02), and Paris Marathon (2:22:55).
- Korir, 30, of Kenya, won the 2012 B.A.A. Boston Marathon in a time of 2:12:40. He won three marathons from 2008 to 2010: the Bank of Chicago Marathon (2:13:53), and LA Marathon (2:08:24, 2:09:19). Korir is a member of the Kenyan Parliament.

Quotes

Geoffrey Mutai

“I am focused on NY, I feel I am already well prepared for the Marathon on November 3,” said Mutai. “I am confident and looking forward to challenging myself with my own course record set in 2011. I look forward to coming back to the city where I am welcomed by many people who make me feel at home.”

Edna Kiplagat

“I had, of course, a wonderful experience to win the gold medal at Moscow last month, and now I am excited to finally be returning to NYC for the marathon,” said Kiplagat. “The New York spectators and the energy in the races I've done in New York have always been very exciting for me. After being second in the World Marathon Majors standings for two consecutive years, I will, of course, do my best to secure the title this year.”

Mary Wittenberg

“This year’s international field, headlined by champions and World Marathon Majors title chasers, will celebrate the diversity of the Marathon, and in essence, the diversity of New York City,” said Wittenberg. “At NYRR, we see a world where everyone, everywhere, benefits from running, and these decorated international athletes bring stories of hope and inspiration from around the world that uplift and enrich our global running community. We can’t wait to welcome Geoffrey, Firehiwot, Stephen, Edna, Priscah, and all of our international runners, both professional and recreational, to New York.”

Elite Men	Marathon Personal Best	Twitter
Geoffrey Mutai (KEN)	2:04:15, Berlin, 2012	
Stanley Biwott (KEN)	2:05:12, Paris, 2012	
Wesley Korir (KEN)	2:06:13, Chicago, 2012	@weskorir

Peter Kirui (KEN)	2:06:31, Frankfurt, 2011	
Stephen Kiprotich (UGA)	2:07:20, Enschede, 2011	@stephenkiproti1
José Manuel “Chema” Martínez (ESP)	2:08:09, Rotterdam, 2003	@chemitamartinez
Yuki Kawauchi (JPN)	2:08:14, Seoul, 2013	
Masato Imai (JPN)	2:10:29, Tokyo, 2013	
Daniele Meucci (ITA)	2:13:49, Rome, 2010	@MeucciDaniele
Bob Tahri (FRA)	Debut	@bobtahri

Elite Women	Marathon Personal Best	Twitter Handle
Edna Kiplagat (KEN)	2:19:50, London, 2012	@akapkoigaa
Priscah Jeptoo (KEN)	2:20:14, London, 2012	
Jelena Prokopcuka (LVA)	2:22:56, Osaka, 2005	
Firehiwot Dado (ETH)	2:23:15, New York, 2007	
Buzunesh Deba (ETH)	2:23:19, New York 2011	
Tetyana Gamera-Shmyrko (UKR)	2:23:58, Osaka, 2013	
Risa Shigetomo (JPN)	2:23:23, Osaka, 2012	
Christelle Daunay (FRA)	2:24:22, Paris, 2012	
Kim Smith (NZL)	2:25:21, London, 2010	@Kimsmithnz
Ana Dulce Felix (POR)	2:25:40, New York, 2011	
Lisa Stublic (CRO)	2:25:44, Zurich, 2013	@LisaStublic
Sabrina Mockenhaupt (GER)	2:26:21, Berlin, 2010	@RunningMocki
Adriana Da Silva (BRA)	2:29:17, Tokyo, 2012	
Diane Nukuri-Johnson (BDI)	2:30:13, London, 2012	@dnjbdi
Yolanda Caballero (COL)	2:26:17, Boston, 2011	@YolandaAtleta

Nationally, the ING New York City Marathon will be presented on ESPN2 and ESPN Deportes+ from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ET. The race will also be available via WatchESPN for those who have video subscriptions from affiliated providers. Locally, New Yorkers can watch the race on ABC7 or 7online.com from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. or via WatchABC on mobile devices. Additionally, a national highlights show will air from 4:00–6:00 p.m. on ABC.

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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.