

MEDIA ADVISORY FOR
Saturday, September 21, 2013

**Legendary pitcher Vernon “Lefty” Gomez to be inducted into the Hispanic
Heritage Baseball Museum Hall of Fame
Daughter and biographer Vernona Gomez to accept award**

NEW YORK, NY – On Saturday, September 21, 2013, at 12:45pm, Vernon “Lefty” Gomez (1908-1989) will be inducted into the Hispanic Heritage Baseball Museum Hall of Fame in a ceremony on the field at Yankee Stadium. Vernona Gomez, daughter and biographer of the spirited pitcher, will accept the honor on behalf of her family. The induction is part of the Yankees annual celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Lefty Gomez pitched for the New York Yankees for thirteen years and was a five-time World Series champion with the team. In **LEFTY: An American Odyssey** (Ballantine Books, February 2013), Vernona recreates the life and adventures of the irreverent southpaw based on hundreds of interviews with his teammates, friends, and family. Lefty was welcomed to the Yankees by Babe Ruth, roomed with Joe DiMaggio, consoled Lou Gehrig the day the “Iron Horse” pulled himself from the line-up, started and won the first All Star game, earned the coveted Triple Crown twice, and had collegiate baseball’s top award named after him—all while becoming a pilot, playing an impressive sax, and hobnobbing with the great entertainers of his day.

As a child, Vernona bounced on Babe Ruth's knee, made sandcastles on the beach with Joe DiMaggio at spring training and won at cards with the legendary 511 game winner Cy Young who pulled the 'Old-Maid' from her hand. Vernona is available for interview about Lefty’s life, legacy, and induction into the Hispanic Heritage Baseball Museum Hall of Fame.

WHAT: Vernon “Lefty” Gomez will be inducted into the Hispanic Heritage Baseball Museum Hall of Fame
WHO: Vernona Gomez, daughter of Lefty Gomez and author of **LEFTY: An American Odyssey** is available for interview
WHEN: Saturday, September 21, 2013 prior to game vs. San Francisco Giants
WHERE: Yankee Stadium, 1 East 161st Street, Bronx, NY
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