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**ROYAL CARIBBEAN OFFICIALLY NAMES THE WORLD'S NEWEST WONDER,  
*WONDER OF THE SEAS***

*The Celebration in Port Canaveral, Florida, Honors a Mother  
from Pennsylvania as the Godmother of the New Ship*

**MIAMI, Dec. 10, 2022** – A celebration fit for the world's newest wonder lit up Port Canaveral, Florida, last night when Royal Caribbean International officially welcomed [\*Wonder of the Seas\*](#) into the family. With the ultimate combination of firsts and signature favorites for parents, kids and grandparents alike, the cruise line's latest ship was named by its **Godmother** and Wonder Mom [Marie McCrea](#) from **Pennsylvania**. The evening ceremony also marked the start of a new chapter for *Wonder* as it makes waves as **Port Canaveral's new, year-round family vacation**.

Royal Caribbean executives and teams, families, friends, travel advisors, the cruise line's partners and more came together on board the world's largest cruise ship to celebrate the occasion in one of the brand's unparalleled entertainment venues, the AquaTheater. In the time-honored role of Godmother, Marie bestowed a blessing of safekeeping on *Wonder*, its crew and the millions of families who will make lifelong memories on board in the years to come. On stage with Marie were Royal Caribbean Group President and CEO Jason Liberty, Royal Caribbean International President and CEO Michael Bayley, and her daughter, Allie, who nominated her mother for the role as part of a nationwide search started by Royal Caribbean on Mother's Day.

"*Wonder of the Seas* exemplifies Royal Caribbean Group's focus on unparalleled innovation, sustainable cruise ship design and our commitment to delivering world-class, memorable vacations, responsibly," said Jason Liberty, president and CEO, Royal Caribbean Group. "This milestone represents the culmination of millions of hours of work, from the most innovative minds in the industry, to deliver the world's latest wonder."

Designed for memory-making from end to end, *Wonder* inspires awe and adventure in kids and vacationers of all ages with feats and experiences across **eight neighborhoods** – a first in the revolutionary Oasis Class. To find the Godmother to match, Royal Caribbean took to TikTok and launched the #SearchforWonderMom contest, which saw **16,000 videos posted** and **10.6 billion hashtag views**.

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The search was complete when the cruise line heard Marie’s story, one of a devoted mother, wife and cancer survivor whose spirit inspired her family and those around her to set out on adventures and enjoy every moment together despite the hardships they faced.

“It was an honor to officially welcome Marie and *Wonder of the Seas* to the Royal Caribbean family,” said Michael Bayley, president and CEO, Royal Caribbean International. “Marie’s story is one of incredible strength and family memories to last a lifetime, and those are the types of memories we’ve committed to creating with our guests and crew on every Royal Caribbean ship for more than 53 years. *Wonder* is the adventure of all adventures that combines what families know and love on our revolutionary Oasis Class ships with brand-new experiences, and it’s already delivered memorable vacations to more than 180,500 guests since first setting sail in March.”

The latest in Royal Caribbean’s revolutionary Oasis Class features a lineup of new adventures and fan-favorite experiences that everyone in the family can enjoy. Highlights include the **Suite Neighborhood**, the new, eighth neighborhood that welcomes Royal Suite Class guests to an elevated Suite Sun Deck with a plunge pool and bar, the most epic Ultimate Family Suite and more; the first **Mason Jar Southern Restaurant & Bar** that serves up Southern staples and classics with a twist for brunch, dinner and late at night; and a new, underwater-themed play area for kids, **Wonder Playscape**, with slides, climbing walls, imaginative puzzles and more.

“Carrying out my role as Godmother and a part of such an important moment for Royal Caribbean and *Wonder of the Seas* was an honor,” said Marie McCrea, Godmother of *Wonder of the Seas*. “Having my family by my side to celebrate this incredible ship was yet another memory we’ve made together – and with our new Royal Caribbean family – that I’ll never forget.”

From more than 40 restaurants, bars and lounges to returning favorites, on *Wonder*, travelers also have in store **The Ultimate Abyss**, the tallest slide at sea; the **FlowRider** surf simulator; **rock climbing walls**; **The Perfect Storm** racing waterslides; **newly designed areas** just for kids and teens; and original entertainment across **four “stages”**: **air, ice, theater and water**.

For more details about *Wonder*, vacationers can visit Royal Caribbean’s [website](#). The new ship is now sailing **7-night Eastern and Western Caribbean cruises** from Port Canaveral to idyllic Caribbean locales, such as the cruise line’s private island destination, **Perfect Day at CocoCay** in The Bahamas; **St. Thomas, St. Maarten**; and **Mexico**. To hear more about Marie’s story, viewers can visit [TikTok](#).

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[Royal Caribbean International](#), owned by Royal Caribbean Group (NYSE: RCL), has been delivering innovation at sea for more than 50 years. Each successive class of ships is an architectural marvel that features the latest technology and guest experiences for today's adventurous traveler. The cruise line continues to revolutionize vacations with itineraries to 240 destinations in 61 countries on six continents, including Royal Caribbean's private island destination in The Bahamas, [Perfect Day at CocoCay](#), the first in the Perfect Day Island Collection. Royal Caribbean has also been voted "Best Cruise Line Overall" for 19 consecutive years in the *Travel Weekly* Readers Choice Awards.

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