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Brown Girls Code to be featured in national exhibition, “*Girlhood (It’s Complicated!)*” at the National Museum of American History (NMAH) and in the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Services (SITES) for next five (5) years

Augusta, Georgia, (October 2, 2020) — Brown Girls Code (BGC) is pleased to announce that it was selected to be featured in a short video that highlights the current activism of women and girls to educate and increase the presence of girls in the coding world. This video is part of a larger section that documents the important roles girls have played in advocating for social justice and political change in and outside formal political spaces— and in turn have made important contributions to the making of American history. This video will be displayed in an exhibition called “***Girlhood (It’s Complicated!)***”. The National Museum of American History (NMAH) and Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) have partnered to develop the large traveling exhibition that will open at NMAH on October 9, 2020 - timed to coincide with the ***International Day of the Girl*** (Oct. 11).

From Media Release (September 30, 2020) below:

Spanning a timeframe of more than 200 years and showcasing approximately 200 objects, including some never seen before, the exhibition examines the ways American girls, from Helen Keller to Minnijean Brown to Naomi Wadler, have spoken up, challenged expectations and used their voices to effect change. The exhibition will remain on site at NMAH through January 2022 and then will tour the country through the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service from 2023 through 2025.

Press and public are invited to attend “***Girlhood Live—a Virtual Celebration***” October 8, 2020 at 7 p.m. to mark the exhibition’s opening and experience the gallery virtually. The museum is open Fridays through Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and free reserved passes are required and accessible through the ***museum’s website***.

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The history of girlhood is not what people think; it is complicated. Young women are often told that girls are “made of sugar and spice and everything nice.” What is learned from history is that girls are made of stronger stuff. They have changed history. From Helen Keller to Naomi Wadler, girls have spoken up, challenged expectations, and been on the front lines of social change. Through their lives, what it means to be a girl—and a woman—has always been part of the American conversation. Girlhood (It’s complicated) will showcase unexpected stories of girlhood, engaging the audience in timely conversations about women’s history.

*With a design inspired by zines, the 5,000-square-foot gallery will have five story sections: Education (Being Schooled), Wellness (Body Talk), Work (Hey, Where’s My Girlhood?), Fashion (Girl’s Remix), plus seven biographical interactive stories, A Girl’s Life. The design will feature custom murals and illustrations by artist Krystal Quiles. For more information on this exhibition, **please visit** <https://americanhistory.si.edu/exhibitions/girlhood-its-complicated>*

Media Release (September 30, 2020):

<https://americanhistory.si.edu/press/releases/media-advisory-girlhood-its-complicated>

RSVP to Attend the Virtual Exhibition: <https://bit.ly/2SgjF0i> (Deadline 10/2/20)

About Brown Girls Code

Brown Girls Code is a national nonprofit 501(c)3 organization working to close the gender and diversity gap in technology. Our programs equip underrepresented girls ages 8 - 18 with the skills and training needed to pursue 21st Century opportunities in Computer Science, Information Technology, Cybersecurity and other STEAM-related fields. Our goal is to increase their knowledge and enthusiasm for the fields while building confidence, technical acumen and sisterhood. Programming includes workshops on coding, cybersecurity, robotics engineering, digital citizenship, cyberbullying prevention as well as the development of entrepreneurial and leadership skills. *Learn more about this organization by visiting <https://www.browngirlscode.org>*