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**RON RUBIN TO BE HONORED AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN  
JEWISH HISTORY'S ONLY IN AMERICA GALA**

**Gala to take place Tuesday, December 13 at the Museum**  
**Will feature a performance by renowned singer Andrea Bocelli**

PHILADELPHIA—The National Museum of American Jewish History (NMAJH) announces prominent Philadelphia real-estate developer and philanthropist, **Ron Rubin**, as the honoree for its ***Only in America Gala***, to be held at the **Hyatt at The Bellevue** on **Tuesday, December 13, 2016**. One of the premier social and philanthropic events on the Philadelphia calendar, the Gala will celebrate Rubin's commitment to the Museum and honor his lifetime of service to the Greater Philadelphia business, cultural, and philanthropic community. The Gala will also highlight the ongoing work of NMAJH—the only Museum that presents a comprehensive history of Jews in America and that aims to inspire in people of all backgrounds a greater appreciation of the freedoms to which all Americans aspire.

"The *Only in America* Gala celebrates individuals who embody the 'Dream, Dare, Do' spirit of the Museum, and Ron Rubin could not be a more deserving honoree," said **Ivy Barsky**, CEO and Gwen Goodman Director. "Ron has made a profound and lasting

impact on the growth and success of the institution, from working tirelessly to secure our location on historic Independence Mall to helping to build a strong foundation for the Museum's future. As the former co-Chair of our Board, Ron continues to raise the bar for being a dedicated supporter of the Museum. He also happens to be one of the world's great guys."

## **2016 HONOREE – RON RUBIN**

**Ron Rubin** has been hailed as "the man most responsible, over the past half-century, for building [the city of Philadelphia]."<sup>1</sup> Rubin joined his father's small real estate firm in 1953. Over the years, he has guided the Company's growth to major development in office buildings, retail centers, and regional malls along the East Coast. In 1996, The Rubin Organization, Inc. became one of the largest full service real estate companies in the United States. The organization was soon after acquired by the Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust (PREIT), and Rubin became the CEO. He recently assumed the position of Chairman of PREIT's Board of Trustees.



In addition to his extensive responsibilities in the business world, Rubin contributes to initiatives for a better Philadelphia. In the early '90s, Rubin spearheaded the development of the highly successful Center City District funded by local businesses and residents to assure a cleaner, safer downtown in Philadelphia, for which he served as Chairman.

As NMAJH's longtime Board of Trustees member and its Co-Chair from 2009 – 2016, Rubin continues to be a leader in furthering the mission and impact of the Museum. He was instrumental in securing NMAJH's current location on historic Independence Mall,

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<sup>1</sup>Jared Brey, "Ron Rubin Was Here," *Philadelphia Magazine*, June 23, 2009. [www.phillymag.com/articles/ron-rubin-was-here](http://www.phillymag.com/articles/ron-rubin-was-here).

and he was active in the capital campaign to fund the new building's construction and to support its operations.

Additionally, Rubin served as past Chairman of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, and has served or is on the boards of the Franklin Institute, The Philadelphia Orchestra, Albert Einstein Medical Center, Tel Aviv University, American Friends of the Hebrew University, Continental Bank, and Midlantic Bank (now PNC), Retired from Exelon Corporation, and continues to serve on the Board of PECO Energy Corporation, University of the Arts, the United Jewish Appeal, and the Kimmel Center. He is also a Trustee of the ICSC (International Council of Shopping Centers).

### **ONLY IN AMERICA GALA**

The Museum's annual *Only in America* Gala honors the stories and accomplishments of Jews who have made their homes in America. The event's proceeds support the Museum's educational programs and experiences that preserve, explore, and celebrate American history through a Jewish lens.



The 2016 Gala will take place at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, December 13 at the Hyatt at The Bellevue, located at 200 South Broad Street. Guests will be treated to a performance by one of the most beloved tenors of all time—and a personal favorite of Ron Rubín's—**Andrea Bocelli**. The internationally renowned singer is known for his rare talent of balancing both the operatic and popular music repertoire, selling over 80 million records worldwide.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit [NMAJH.org/gala](http://NMAJH.org/gala).

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#### About the National Museum of American Jewish History

The National Museum of American Jewish History, located on historic Independence Mall in Philadelphia, brings to life the more than 360-year history of Jews in America. Tracing the stories of how Jewish immigrants became Jewish Americans, the Museum invites visitors of all backgrounds to share their own stories and reflect on how their histories and identities shape and are shaped by the American experience. An open door for all, NMAJH honors the past and

contributes to a better future by sharing the power of imagination and ideas, culture and community, leadership and service, in ways that turn inspiration into action.

The National Museum of American Jewish History is located at 101 South Independence Mall East at the corner of Fifth and Market Streets in Philadelphia. Museum hours are Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am - 5:30 pm. NMAJH is closed most Mondays, including federal holidays and some Jewish holidays. Museum admission is \$12.00 for adults, \$11.00 for senior citizens and youth, free for children 12 and under, Museum Members, and active military with ID. For the run of *Bill Graham and the Rock & Roll Revolution*, September 16, 2016 – January 16, 2017, the Museum will stay open until 8 pm on Wednesday evenings. (Please note the Museum will be closed on select Wednesday evenings.) Connect with the Museum on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Pinterest](#). For more information, visit [NMAJH.org](http://NMAJH.org) or call 215.923.3811.