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Historical Society's 2017 Making D.C. History Awards Honor  
José Andrés, Douglas Development Corp., Eleanor Holmes Norton,  
The Ruppert Family, and Di and Lou Stovall

Thursday, September 28, at the Newseum

Tickets are now on sale: <http://bit.ly/2xaurcE>

WASHINGTON, D.C.: The Historical Society of Washington, D.C. is proud to present the 2017 Making D.C. History Awards to five distinguished Washingtonians and D.C.-based organizations for their extraordinary contributions to life in Washington, D.C.

The sixth annual awards dinner takes place at the Newseum's Knight Conference Center on Thursday, September 28. Hosted by NBC4's Wendy Rieger, the event begins with cocktails on the roof terrace followed by a seated dinner and awards presentation. The Making D.C. History Awards is the biggest annual fundraiser that supports the Historical Society's mission to collect, preserve, and present the history of the nation's capital. Since their inception, the awards have recognized 22 devoted Washingtonians and organizations.

"This year's honorees represent the best of the District. I am pleased to recognize each of these distinguished community leaders in Washington, D.C.," said John Suau, executive director of the Historical Society. "Their accomplishments are a gift to the city, the nation, and the world. I look forward to being in the room where it happens."

Receiving this year's honors are José Andrés for distinction in corporate achievement, Douglas Development Corp. for distinction in historic preservation, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton for distinction in civic leadership, the Ruppert Family as this year's legacy family of Washington, D.C., and Di and Lou Stovall for distinction in artistic achievement.

"History is made every day in this city by outstanding individuals, organizations, and businesses," said Julie Koczela, chair of the Historical Society Board of Trustees. "The videos we create about each honoree exemplify the Historical

Society's commitment to storytelling. The event is a celebration of our history-makers and an opportunity to meet others who care deeply about our city."

The Historical Society thanks the following Making D.C. History Awards Partners: Newseum, Antunovich Associates, Beyer Blinder Belle Architect, Bonstra | Haresign Architects, Clyde's Restaurant Group, Digital Conventions, DowntownDC BID, EHT Traceries, EventsDC, 888 Realty Investors, Goldblatt Martin Pozen, LYFT, McCaffery Interests, Washington Walks, and Wells Fargo.

#### ABOUT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Historical Society of Washington, D.C., is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community-supported educational and research organization that collects, interprets, and shares the history of our nation's capital. Founded in 1894, the Historical Society serves a diverse audience through its collections, public programs, exhibitions, and publications. The Historical Society's galleries and research library are located in the historic Carnegie Library at Mt. Vernon Square, 801 K Street NW. While the Carnegie Library is undergoing restoration, the Historical Society's research library and offices are temporarily located at the Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, with reference and research services beginning September 19, 2017. The Historical Society offers exhibitions and programs throughout the year encouraging the collection of local history as well as the documentation of modern D.C. To learn more and show your support, please visit [dchistory.org](http://dchistory.org).

#### ABOUT THE NEWSEUM

The Newseum promotes, explains and defends free expression and the five freedoms of the First Amendment: religion, speech, press, assembly, and petition. Headquartered on historic Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., the Newseum's compelling, dynamic and engaging exhibits, programs and education initiatives help ensure that these fundamental freedoms remain strong and protected both today and for future generations. The Newseum Institute promotes the study, exploration and education of the challenges confronting freedom through its First Amendment Center and the Religious Freedom Center. The Newseum is a 501(c)(3) public charity funded by generous individuals, corporations and foundations, including the Freedom Forum. For more information, visit [newseum.org](http://newseum.org) and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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