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EMPIRE STATE BUILDING ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2016 VALENTINE'S DAY WEDDING CONTEST

New York City's Iconic Landmark to Wed Nine Lucky Couples on February 14th, 2016

New York, NY (February 1, 2016) – Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: ESRT) announced today the 9 lucky couples who have been selected as winners of the Empire State Building (ESB) Valentine's Day Weddings contest.

Throughout its storied history, ESB has played a special role in love stories around the world. Well known as the setting for iconic silver screen romances such as *Sleepless in Seattle* and *An Affair to Remember*, this Valentine's Day, ESB will honor 9 couples and their love stories with a whirlwind day of weddings at the most famous building in the world. This annual occasion is the only day of the year couples can marry at the site *USA Today* readers chose as America's "Best Place to Propose."

"The Empire State Building is thrilled to be part of such an unforgettable day for the lucky couples, as we have been for the past 22 years," said Jean-Yves Ghazi, Director of the Empire State Building Observatory and ceremony officiant. "Their stories of love and commitment make this year's Valentine's Day weddings at the Empire State Building one of our most special."

Aruba Tourism Authority, a returning partner, will surprise one lucky couple with an all-expenses paid honeymoon. The randomly selected pair will enjoy a romantic five-night/six-day stay at the adults-only Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort to take in the sunshine, ocean and all that the "One Happy Island" has to offer.

Following their ceremonies, couples can enjoy the famous open-air views of New York City for photos with their guests before they are treated to an exclusive VIP breakfast at STATE Grill and Bar, located on the ground floor of the building.

The couples will have their individual ceremonies on the famed 86th floor Observatory throughout the day on Valentine's Day as follows:

- **8:00am – Monique and Mike Baratta** (Toms River, NJ) – After a proposal on ESB's 86th floor Observatory, Monique and Mike's 2006 ESB wedding almost didn't happen due to Mother Nature's plans for snow. Although some family couldn't make it, *Good Morning America* captured the joyful event for the whole nation to see. For their tenth anniversary, the couple is thrilled to be renewing their vows in front of their children, whose favorite "movie" is seeing their parents marry on live TV.
- **8:15am – Vijay Lalwani and Hector Jerome Bondoc** (New York, NY) – Returning to the spot of their very first date, Vijay and Hector are excited to be exchanging vows in the presence of their dog, Koki, who is known by his Instagram-famous moniker, @KokiStateofMind. Koki snaps pictures nightly in front of ESB for his 23K followers and is looking forward to witnessing his loving dads renew their vows on top of his favorite landmark.
- **8:30am – Jennifer Nodonly and Warren Sanders** (Baltimore, MD) – Jennifer and Warren became engaged after the tragic passing of Jennifer's father. Through the hardship, their relationship grew and they were selected to be a part of ESB's weddings in 2015. As traveling with their newborn was not possible at the time, the couple is ecstatic to be bringing their daughter to New York City for the first time to realize their dream of marrying in the city and atop the building they love.
- **8:45am – Katherine Baglivi and Joshua Coyle** (West New York, NJ) – Katherine and Joshua's Memorial Day date quickly became more than just a summer romance. From that first Fourth of July watching ESB lit as a backdrop to the fireworks that symbolized their relationship, the iconic NYC landmark has been a constant sight for these lovebirds living just over the Hudson River.

- **9:00am – Shanta Mali and Sean Smith** (New York, NY) – Shanta and Sean will be returning to a place that has shaped their lives. After meeting on ESB's 24th floor, the couple dated but ultimately lost touch. Ten years later, they've found each other again and will make it official in the place where it all began.
- **9:15am – Betsy Narvaez and Carol Cabello** (Jackson Heights, NY) – After a memorable first date on Betsy's birthday, it became clear their summer romance was on the path to so much more. From their subway platform in Queens, they can see ESB's spire, a symbol of the city where their life together began.
- **9:30am – Ying Wang and Jinhan Bai** (China) – After falling in love their sophomore year of high school, Ying and Jinhan were separated when college called. On one visit to New York City, the couple tried to make time to visit the Empire State Building, but luck wasn't on their side and Ying was only able to take a photo of the lobby. Now, with the chance to renew their vows on the 86th floor, Ying and Jinhan will share this wonderful experience and the rest of their lives together.
- **9:45am – Sadeema Taylor and Kearney Bapteus** (Port Reading, NJ) – As is often the case, life simply got in the way of these young lovebirds. After overcoming hardships both together and apart, Sadeema and Kearney, alongside their daughters, are finally achieving their dream of tying the knot. This will be the first visit to ESB for everyone in the family and surely one they'll never forget.
- **11:30am – Stacey Price and Andrew Frye** (Arlington, VA) – After a trip to the top of ESB at age 22, Stacey fully realized how much there was to see beyond her small town. This trip spurred her into a big move and an even bigger love. Together with her die-hard Rangers fan fiancé, Stacey will add another day at ESB to the list of days that changed her life.

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About the Empire State Building

Soaring 1,454 feet above Midtown Manhattan (from base to antenna), the Empire State Building, owned by Empire State Realty Trust, Inc., is the “World’s Most Famous Building.” With new investments in energy efficiency, infrastructure, public areas and amenities, the Empire State Building has attracted first-rate tenants in a diverse array of industries from around the world. The skyscraper’s robust broadcasting technology supports all major television and FM radio stations in the New York metropolitan market. The Empire State Building was named America’s favorite building in a poll conducted by the American Institute of Architects, and the Empire State Building Observatory is one of the world’s most beloved attractions as the region’s #1 tourist destination. For more information on the Empire State Building, please visit www.empirestatebuilding.com, www.facebook.com/empirestatebuilding, @EmpireStateBldg, www.instagram.com/empirestatebldg, www.youtube.com/esbnyc or www.pinterest.com/empirestatebldg/.

About Empire State Realty Trust

Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: ESRT), a leading real estate investment trust (REIT), owns, manages, operates, acquires and repositions office and retail properties in Manhattan and the greater New York metropolitan area, including the Empire State Building, the world's most famous building. Headquartered in New York, New York, the Company's office and retail portfolio covers 10.1 million rentable square feet, as of September 30, 2015, consisting of 9.4 million rentable square feet in 14 office properties, including nine in



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Manhattan, three in Fairfield County, Connecticut and two in Westchester County, New York; and approximately 724,000 rentable square feet in the retail portfolio.

About Aruba

As one of the most revisited destinations in the Caribbean, Aruba — One happy island — is an island of contradictions, where pristine turquoise waters collide against the desert-like terrain of the north shore; where peace and relaxation coexist with wild and rugged adventures; where Dutch influence meets American ease and where a diverse history parallels a bright future. Nestled in the southern Caribbean outside the fringes of the hurricane belt, the island is just a two-and-a-half-hour flight from Miami, a four-hour flight from New York City and boasts year-round cooling trade winds with an average 82-degree temperature. Aruba offers beach-lovers, adrenaline junkies, relaxation-seekers and everyone in between a slice of paradise with breathtaking beaches, a booming culinary scene of over 300 restaurants with 25+ located ideally on the water, world-famous festivals and events, exciting land and water activities, art galleries and museums, sumptuous spas, championship golf, exclusive shopping and signature experiences such as cooling off in Conchi, Aruba's natural pool— accessible only by foot or off-road vehicle. With all-inclusive options, boutique properties in charming Eagle Beach, high-rise branded resorts in Palm Beach and cosmopolitan city hotels in Oranjestad, the island of contradictions provides the perfect getaway for both first-time guests and loyal visitors. Visit www.aruba.com to learn more and engage with the brand at [@aruba](https://www.facebook.com/arubafans) on Twitter and [@arubatourism](https://www.instagram.com/arubatourism) on Instagram.

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