

## **EMPIRE STATE BUILDING LAUNCHES 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DAY WEDDINGS CONTEST**

*Empire State Building to Offer Couples Opportunity to Say "I do" Atop the World's Most Romantic Building*

**New York City (November 22, 2016)** – The Empire State Building announced today the launch of its 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Empire State Building (ESB) Valentine's Day Weddings Contest where 13 couples will be chosen to have the wedding ceremony of their dreams on ESB's 86th floor Observatory. The lucky 13 will join Yanqiu Wang and Huan Yang of Chongqing, China, winners of ESB's Valentine's Day contest on Weibo and WeChat, which took place on August 9, 2016 – Chinese Valentine's Day.

"The Empire State Building's annual Valentine's Day Weddings will give 13 stateside couples and one couple from China a unique wedding experience," said Jean-Yves Ghazi, Director of the Empire State Building Observatory. "Since its opening in 1931, the iconic setting has inspired countless love stories on-screen and in the hearts of the over four million annual visitors to our world-famous Observation Deck, and we're delighted to make dreams come true on the most romantic day of the year."

To enter, engaged couples and those seeking to renew their vows can submit their love stories via <http://bit.ly/2gyTIYP> starting today, November 22 through December 12, 11:59 p.m. EST. Couples must be over the age of 18 and have a valid New York State marriage license at the time of the wedding ceremony in order to marry. Vow renewals can be performed with a valid New York State marriage license.

All 14 couples will receive one night complimentary accommodations at the Grand Hyatt New York and will be treated to an exclusive continental breakfast at STATE Grill and Bar, located in the lobby of ESB. Following the ceremony, each couple will enjoy ESB's open-air, one-of-a-kind 360-degree views of New York City and beyond for photos. Additionally, one randomly-selected couple will win a honeymoon package to the all-inclusive Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic.

For complete details, please visit [www.facebook.com/empirestatebuilding](http://www.facebook.com/empirestatebuilding). For more information about Grand Hyatt New York, Hard Rock Hotels, and STATE Grill & Bar, visit <https://newyork.grand.hyatt.com/>, <https://www.hardrockhotels.com/all-inclusive-resorts.htm> and [www.stategrillesb.com](http://www.stategrillesb.com).

### **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](http://www.empirestatebuilding.com), [www.facebook.com/empirestatebuilding](http://www.facebook.com/empirestatebuilding), [@EmpireStateBldg](https://twitter.com/EmpireStateBldg), [www.instagram.com/empirestatebldg](http://www.instagram.com/empirestatebldg), [www.youtube.com/esbnyc](http://www.youtube.com/esbnyc) or [www.pinterest.com/empirestatebldg/](http://www.pinterest.com/empirestatebldg/).

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