

# AMERICA'S AUTOMOTIVE *Trust*

## **Rob Myers to Receive Nicola Bulgari Award from America's Automotive Trust**

RM Group Founder to be honored for his contributions to preserving American motoring history

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TACOMA, Wash. (July 18, 2016) – RM Group founder Rob Myers is being honored with the Nicola Bulgari Award from America's Automotive Trust (AAT), which bestows its most prestigious decoration to select individuals within the automotive community for their efforts to preserve America's motoring heritage.

Myers, who began his career in a one-car garage more than 35 years ago, has since become the head of the world's leading auction house for collectible vehicles. A skilled automotive restoration expert and painter by trade, he established a following among enthusiasts and collectors early in his career.

Experiencing first-hand how lucrative collector car auctions can be, Myers partnered with Dan Warrenner and Mike Fairbarn to form RM Auctions in 1991. This led the three to expand operations throughout North America and Europe, establishing the brand as the world's premier auction house and restoration facility for collector cars.

“Rob's commitment and efforts have been a major force in the growth of restoration and preservation into a multi-billion-dollar industry, which has led to countless jobs for restoration experts and preserved innumerable classic and vintage cars for collectors,” said AAT CEO, David Madeira. “We are honored to recognize him with our most prominent award.”

“Cars have been a part of my life as far back as I can remember, so to be recognized in this way is a distinct honor. In particular, I am beyond proud to accept the Nicola Bulgari award, named for someone whose collection is so extraordinarily well curated and who obviously shares the same values and passion for restoration and provenance as I do,” said Myers. “I want to thank the great team of people who've been with me along the way and helped me to build RM Sotheby's and RM Auto Restoration into world-class organizations. I also want to sincerely thank America's Automotive Trust, whose work to pass automotive skills and knowledge on to future generations is near and dear to me. This is a tremendous honor.”

The Nicola Bulgari Award – named after the famous luxury goods magnate, renowned car collector and AAT board member – is presented annually in recognition of an individual's lifelong efforts to promote America's automotive heritage through education, car restoration and/or collecting classic cars. Bulgari selects the recipient from a slate of candidates and past recipients include NASCAR team owner Rick Hendrick; McKeel Hagerty, CEO of Hagerty; Dr. Frederick Simeone, founder of the Simeone Automotive Museum; and Edward Welburn, former vice president of global design for General Motors.

“Nicola Bulgari’s efforts to preserve America’s automotive treasures are unparalleled as exemplified by his remarkable collection, his long service to America’s Car Museum (ACM) and his generosity to countless heritage organizations,” said Madeira. “We’re proud that he allows us to confer this award in his name.”

The award will be presented at a reunion of previous winners at Bulgari’s private collection during the 2016 Buick Club of America 50th Anniversary Celebration in Allentown, Pennsylvania. The award will be on permanent display at ACM’s 165,000-sq.-ft. facility in Tacoma, Washington.

America’s Automotive Trust is a non-profit organization formed to sustain America’s automotive heritage for future generations of collectors and enthusiasts. AAT’s efforts are focused on ensuring that America’s automotive legacy is celebrated and that vintage and modern collectible vehicles will be driven and enjoyed for generations to come.

For more information about AAT, visit [americasautomotivetrust.org](http://americasautomotivetrust.org).

### **About America’s Automotive Trust**

America’s Automotive Trust (AAT), headquartered in Tacoma, Washington, is a newly formed not-for-profit corporation that seeks to secure America’s automotive heritage and to transfer the skills and knowledge necessary for the future of collector vehicles and the enthusiast community for generations to come. AAT is made up of four founding entities: LeMay - America’s Car Museum, the RPM Foundation, Club Auto and the Concours Club. For more information on AAT, visit [americasautomotivetrust.org](http://americasautomotivetrust.org).

### **About LeMay – America’s Car Museum**

America’s Car Museum (ACM), an entity of America’s Automotive Trust, is an international destination for families and auto enthusiasts to celebrate America’s love affair with the automobile and learn how it shaped our society. Based in Tacoma, Wash., the stunning 165,000-sq.-ft. facility has been recognized as one of *MSN*’s 10 Best Automotive Museums worldwide, *USA Today*’s 10 Best Museums in Seattle and *KING 5*’s 2015 Best Museum in Western Washington. ACM serves as an educational center for students of all ages, features 12 rotating exhibits and hosts five annual Signature Events. For more information, visit [americascarmuseum.org](http://americascarmuseum.org).

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