



## 2018 NJ History Forum Keynote Speaker

Robert Santelli



Robert Santelli was named Executive Director of the GRAMMY Museum in 2006. A noted blues and rock historian, Santelli is also the author of more than a dozen books on American music, including *Greetings From E Street* and *The Bob Dylan Scrapbook*, both *New York Times* bestsellers. Santelli contributed to *Rolling Stone* and *The New York Times*, among other periodicals. In 1993, Santelli was one of the original curators of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, moving to Cleveland in 1995 to become the museum's first Director of Education and Vice President of Public Programs. In 2000, he became the CEO of the Experience Music Project in Seattle, the first-ever interactive music museum. Santelli also developed the UK's first pop music museum, the British Music Experience. Since opening the GRAMMY Museum, Santelli has created "An Evening With..." a series that features in-depth interviews with artists such as Dave Matthews, Brian Wilson, Smokey Robinson, Stevie Nicks, Clive Davis, and many more. In 2012, Santelli was nominated as a co-producer for Best Historical Album *Woody At 100: The Woody Guthrie Centennial Celebration*.