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GoggleWorks' Annual Awards to Recognize Berks Leaders

Dr. Khalid Mumin, Pablo Tejada, Cindy Boscov, John Ernesto to be honored at Albert Boscov Tribute Event

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Reading, PA (May 3, 2017) – GoggleWorks Center for the Arts (GoggleWorks) announced that it will honor four leaders in Berks County who have displayed excellence in leadership. Awardees include: Dr. Khalid Mumin, Education Leadership; Pablo Tejada, Community Leadership; Cindy Boscov, Volunteer Leadership; and John Ernesto, Arts Leadership. “At GoggleWorks, inspiration is the fuel to our creative, community, and charitable work,” said Executive Director Levi Landis. “And these individuals epitomize that inspiration.”

Awardees will be honored at the sold-out Tribute Event remembering Albert Boscov’s Arts leadership and legacy on May 6th at GoggleWorks’ massive arts center in downtown Reading, PA. Presenters of the awards are other area leaders including Craig Poole, Pamela Barbey, and Karen Haver. The event will feature speakers and video presentations focused on Mr. Boscov, the center’s co-founder and visionary, who passed away on February 10th. “We wanted to fill the night with Albert’s family, friends, and beloved organizations,” Landis explained. “The room will be overflowing with our love and memories, but we will also celebrate the power of the arts in our community, to which Mr. Boscov gave so much.” To this end, other programs will include live demonstrations by artists Craig Vandall Stevens, Maggie Gallen, Ellen Mitnick, Jesse Jones, Kris Jackson, Lily Cernak and Alan Cernak; musical performances by the Berks Ballet Theatre and Jarrett & Lawrence Zeng; a book signing by author Kay Haring, sister of Keith Haring; Tim Lefens of GoggleWorks’ new A.R.T. program for individuals with the most severe physical challenges; auctioneer Dick Henry;

open bar provided by Hauser Estate Winery and Sly Fox Brewing Co; dinner by Boscov's Catering; and desserts from Sweet Street Desserts.

The event serves as a thank you to GoggleWorks sustaining donors. Earlier this year, GoggleWorks announced fundraising efforts that will surge new programs. After Mr. Boscov's death, Sandy Solmon and Doug Messinger gifted a donation to match all contributions in Mr. Boscov's name up to \$100,000. "We have seen many area supporters come forward to meet this generous match," said Landis. "We will have opportunities for attendees to do so as well, and to continue Albert's vision for years to come."

About GoggleWorks Center for the Arts:

Located in the former Willson Goggle Factory, GoggleWorks is the largest center of its kind in the U.S. The five-story, 145,000-square-foot complex features six large teaching studios in ceramics, hot and warm glass, metalsmithing, photography, and woodworking; 35 juried studios for artists and makers working in a variety of mediums; and dozens of music, arts, and other cultural organizations. The complex also includes several major exhibition galleries, a 131-seat theatre, a cafe and Store featuring the work of over 200 artists from GoggleWorks and beyond. Visit GoggleWorks at 201 Washington St, Reading, PA 19601 or at its new website at goggleworks.org.

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