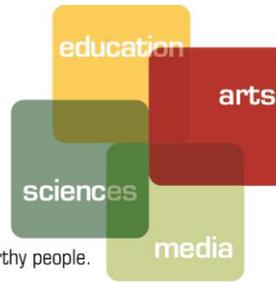




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WSRE BRINGS PHIL ROSENTHAL TO PENSACOLA NOVEMBER 17 *Star of "I'll Have What Phil's Having," airing 8 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 6–Nov. 10*



PENSACOLA, Fla., September 26, 2016— Phil Rosenthal, best known as the co-creator of TV's "Everybody Loves Raymond," is also the creator and host of "I'll Have What Phil's Having"—the series that combines his love of food and travel with his unique brand of humor. The WSRE Public Square Speakers Series will host a free lecture by Rosenthal on at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17 in WSRE's Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio. Admission is free.

Rosenthal was born in Queens, New York and moved with his parents and brother to New City, NY in Rockland County, where he was raised. After graduating from Hofstra University on Long Island, where he majored in theater, he embarked on a career as an actor, writer and director in New York City. In 1989, he relocated to Los Angeles.

Rosenthal's early writing credits include the series "Down the Shore" and "Coach." In 1995, Rosenthal created the hit CBS comedy, "Everybody Loves Raymond," which premiered in 1996. He was the showrunner/executive producer for all nine years of the show's very successful run, which ended in 2005.

During its original run, "Everybody Loves Raymond" was nominated for over 70 Emmy awards, and won 15 awards, including two for Best Comedy Series in 2003 and 2005. Rosenthal won the 2002 Writers Guild Award for Excellence in Television Writing for his "Everybody Loves Raymond" script, "Italy."

He co-wrote “America: A Tribute to Heroes,” the 9/11 telethon which aired on four major networks in September 2001, for which he won a Peabody Award and an Emmy nomination for Outstanding Writing.

He also authored a book on the art of comedy and the making of a sitcom classic. “You’re Lucky You’re Funny: How Life Becomes a Sitcom” was published in 2006.

In April 2011, Rosenthal wrote, directed and starred in his first feature film for Sony Pictures. “Exporting Raymond,” the true story about the attempt to turn “Everybody Loves Raymond” into a Russian sitcom, was met with critical acclaim.

“I’ll Have What Phil’s Having” premiered on PBS in fall 2015 and received two Taste Awards as well as a 2016 James Beard nomination for Best Television Program, on Location. On the show, Rosenthal explores culinary capitals of the world and dines on regional specialties, pushing the boundaries of his palate—and the viewer’s—in Hong Kong, Barcelona, Paris, Tokyo, Italy and Los Angeles.

WSRE will air “I’ll Have What Phil’s Having” at 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Oct. 6 to Nov. 10.

Rosenthal lives in Los Angeles, with his wife, actress Monica Horan (who played Amy on “Everybody Loves Raymond”), and their two children.

Admission to all WSRE Public Square Speakers Series events is free. Reservations are requested, though not required, at wsre.org/speakers.

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