

**FRANCESCO NUSCHESE**  
President, Georgetown Entertainment Group



Nuschese was born in the town of Minori on the Amalfi Coast, Italy. A resident of Washington, D.C., for more than 20 years, Nuschese began his career first in London, then in Las Vegas. During his initial tenure in Las Vegas, from 1983 to 1991, Nuschese managed restaurants for Caesars Palace, and also was assistant vice president/Europe and Middle East operations, for Caesars World, Inc.

In 1992 he opened Cafe Milano in Washington DC. On 2016 Cafe Milano marked its second location in the world at Four Seasons Hotel in Abu Dhabi, in the vibrant atmosphere of the Al Maryah Island waterfront.

From 1994 to 2001 Nuschese worked at the MGM Grand. Today he is the owner of several diversified enterprises with global interests. He is president of Georgetown Entertainment Group LLC.

In 2006 Nuschese received the Award for Excellence in Business at the Sons of Italy Foundation's National Education and Leadership gala. In 2008 he received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Nuschese is a board member of the University of Maryland's Institute of Human Virology and of

the Global Virus Network. He serves as member of the Georgetown University Italian Research Institute Board of Advisers. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Council. He is “Commendatore dell’Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana,” knighted by the President of the Italian Republic in recognition for setting a positive image of Italians in America and throughout the world.

On April 2008 Nuschese hosted the 81st birthday lunch for Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican Embassy. He currently is involved with Catholic Charities, with the Children's National Medical Center, and contributes to events benefiting American military troops and veterans. In 2015 Nuschese received the Cafe Milano Award at the Children’s Ball from the Children’s National Health System, as well as the St. Pio Foundation Award and the National Italian American Foundation Award for Leadership and Service.

### **Awards, Honor and Affiliations**

- October 17, 2015 Nuschese received the National Italian American Foundation’s (NIAF) 40th Anniversary Award for Leadership and Service.
- May 8, 2015, received the Cafe Milano Award at the Children’s Ball from the Children’s National Health System.
- May 22, 2015, received the Saint Pio Award from the Saint Pio Foundation
- September 2014, elected member of the Georgetown University Italian Research Institute Board of Advisers
- September 2013, elected to the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Council, the prestigious and preeminent nonpartisan institution devoted to promoting transatlantic cooperation and international security.
- May 2013, elected to the Board of Directors of the Global Virus Network, a coalition of the world’s leading medical virology research centers working to prevent illness and death from viral disease.
- March 19, 2011, chaired the highly successful gala for the Catholic Charities Spanish Catholic Center in Washington, D.C., which raised funds to provide health and other vital services to the Latino community as well as other immigrants from around the world.
- April 2, 2011, received the Outstanding Sponsorship Award from the National Council for the Promotion of Italian Language in American Schools (COPILAS).
- August 1, 2011, appointed to the board of directors of International Diagnostic Solutions, which provides consultation and diagnostic services in the areas of autism, developmental delay, and special education.
- November 19, 2011, honored by the Starlight Children’s Foundation MidAtlantic with the Community Star Award for leadership that sets the standard of excellence in contributing to the health and well-being of children and their families.
- December 2, 2011, honored at the Citizens Association of Georgetown gala for making Cafe Milano the community asset that it is.
- December 13, 2010, knighted “Commendatore dell’Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana” by the President of the Italian Republic in recognition for setting a positive image of Italians in America and throughout the world.
- February 7, 2008, appointed as director of international relations for the Robert C. Gallo Foundation for AIDS and Virus Research in Baltimore, Md.
- February 22, 2008, joined the board of trustees of the Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art + Design.
- April 16, 2008, hosted the 81st birthday lunch for Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican Embassy in Washington D.C.
- May 10, 2008, received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor which is given to persons from various ethnic backgrounds who have shown outstanding qualities in their personal and professional lives, while continuing to preserve the richness of their particular heritage. Past honorees include six Presidents, as well as Nobel Prize winners and leaders of industry, education, the arts, sports and government.

- 2007-2008, co-chaired the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) galas in Washington.
- May 25, 2006, received the Award for Excellence in Business at the Sons of Italy Foundation's National Education and Leadership gala.
- June, 2005, appointed to the board of advisors for the Institute of Human Virology at the University of Maryland's School of Medicine, headed by Dr. Robert C. Gallo.
- November 11, 2004, honored by the charitable organization Knock Out Abuse Against Women for his continuous support of its cause.
- December 1, 2003, named by Washington Life magazine as one of its Men of Substance & Style.
- December 2003, named in GQ magazine as among the "20 Most Powerful People in Washington...That You've Never Heard Of."

**Past Boards:**

- Served on the board of directors for the Washington National Opera.
- Served on the board of the Afghanistan World Foundation.
- Served as a trustee of the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences.