

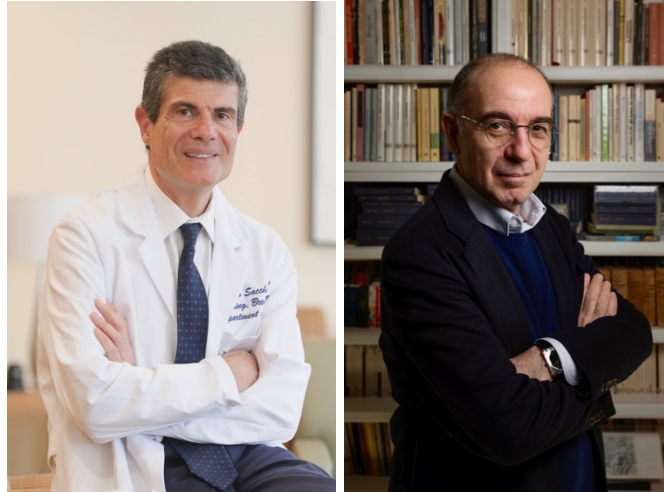
AMERICAN ACADEMY IN ROME

MCKIM MEDAL GALA 2025

Wednesday, June 4, Villa Aurelia, Rome

The American Academy in Rome honors surgeon Virgilio Sacchini and film director Giuseppe Tornatore with the McKim Medal

The 20th edition of the event will be led by Gala Chair Beatrice Bulgari



McKim Medal winners Virgilio Sacchini and Giuseppe Tornatore

The American Academy in Rome will host the 2025 **McKim Medal Gala** at Villa Aurelia in Rome on June 4 with Gala Chair **Beatrice Bulgari**, producer, collector and patron of the arts. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the event which directly supports the Academy's mission of bringing together groundbreaking artist and scholars to learn, work, and create as part of a community in Rome. The American Academy in Rome is a vibrant crossroads of art and humanities, where ideas from a range of disciplines intersect, expanding the possibilities of creative and academic pursuits. The **McKim Medal recognizes** individuals who have contributed to multidisciplinary dialogue between the arts, humanities, and sciences whose vision and excellence in their fields have made global impacts. The 2025 honorees are visionaries **Virgilio Sacchini** and **Giuseppe Tornatore**.

Virgilio Sacchini, surgeon, oncologist, and renowned researcher, has contributed to numerous clinical studies on breast cancer therapy and chemoprevention over the past 20 years, some of which were conducted in multiple centers across Europe and coordinated by the EORTC (European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer). He is currently involved in clinical studies conducted at Memorial Sloan-Kettering and nationally in the US in the NASBP and RTOG groups. These studies have had a significant impact on the development of innovative treatments for breast cancer.

Giuseppe Tornatore, acclaimed film director and screenwriter of canonical films including *Il camorrista* (1986), *Nuovo Cinema Paradiso* (1988), *Stanno tutti bene* (1990), *Il cane blu* (1991), *Una pura formalità* (1994), *L'uomo delle stelle* (1995), *Lo schermo a tre punte* (1995), *La leggenda del pianista sull'oceano* (1998), *Malèna* (2000), *La sconosciuta* (2006), *Baaria* (2009), *L'ultimo gattopardo* (2010), *La migliore offerta* (2013), *La corrispondenza* (2016), *Ennio* (2021). Throughout his career Tornatore has worked with leading talent including Philippe Noiret, Tim Roth, Monica Bellucci, Margherita Buy, and Donald Sutherland.

“The McKim Medal Gala provides us with an opportunity to recognize and to celebrate visionary minds across the arts, humanities, and sciences, and to support the institution that nourishes them. We are excited this year to honor research scientist Virgilio Sacchini and filmmaker Giuseppe Tornatore. The Academy are grateful to Beatrice Bulgari for serving as 2025 Gala Chair and as a longtime supporter and advocate of the American Academy in Rome,” said **Peter N. Miller**, President of the American Academy in Rome.

“It is a great honor for me to serve as Chair of the 20th McKim Medal Gala of the American Academy in Rome. This is an important anniversary for an institution that is an extraordinary bridge between cultures, languages, and visions. Being an active part of this community and contributing to its mission is a source of deep gratitude and responsibility,” said Gala Chair **Beatrice Bulgari**. “I am particularly pleased to present the McKim Medal to two individuals who, through different but equally remarkable careers, have left a profound mark in their respective fields: Giuseppe Tornatore, with whom I had the honor of collaborating for many years as a costume designer—from *Nuovo Cinema Paradiso* to many other unforgettable films—represents the excellence of Italian cinema around the world and Virgilio Sacchini, an extraordinary cancer surgeon, works between the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York and the European Institute of Oncology in Milan, dedicating his life to care, research, and scientific innovation.”

Initiated in 2005, the McKim Medal was designed by visionary artist **Cy Twombly**. The medals this year are handcrafted by **Bulgari**. The annual event brings together influential leaders **across business, politics, art, fashion, and entertainment to support the Academy's Rome Prize winners, residents, and fellows, including Italian Fellows**, who engage one another as they rethink and expand the boundaries of their disciplines, challenge assumptions, and cultivate ideas that resonate far beyond the institution's walls.

Alongside **Beatrice Bulgari**, guests will be welcomed by **Calvin Tsao**, Chair of the Board of Trustees and 2010 Resident; **Peter N. Miller**, President and CEO; **Aliza S. Wong**, Director; **Ginevra Elkann**, **Margherita Marengi Vaselli**, **Carla Markell**, and **Maria Teresa Venturini Fendi**, Honorary Gala Chairs.

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The wines for the evening will be provided by Paolo and Noemia d'Amico Wines and Château d'Esclans Whispering Angel Côtes de Provence Rosé, while the cocktails will be supplied by Quattro Gatti Gin.

The McKim Medal

Virgilio Sacchini and **Giuseppe Tornatore** join distinguished previous McKim Medal Gala laureates such as: **Cecilia Alemani**, **Paola Antonelli**, **Bernardo Bertolucci**, **Massimo Bottura**, **Roberto Benigni**, **Sofia Coppola**, **Umberto Eco**, **Matteo Garrone**, **Luca Guadagnino**, **Riccardo Muti**, **Ennio Morricone**, **Luigi Ontani**, **Sir Antonio Pappano**, **Carlo Petrini**, **Renzo Piano**, **Miuccia Prada**, **Paolo Sorrentino**, **Cy Twombly** and **Franco Zeffirelli**.

Open Stacks/Open Studios

The McKim Medal Gala is timed to the annual Open Stacks (June 4) and Open Studios (June 5) events, when the Academy will open its doors to share the work of its Fellows the public.

The American Academy in Rome

Since 1894 the [American Academy in Rome](#) has functioned as a residential center for research and creativity. Its purpose has always been to enable highly motivated scholars and artists to immerse themselves in the experience of Rome, ancient and modern, and to be inspired by daily exchange with the other members of this creative community. The Academy has made an outsized impact on the intellectual and cultural life of the United States, and its Fellows and Residents have been recognized with 636 Guggenheim Fellowships, 75 Pulitzer Prizes, 54 MacArthur Fellowships, 26 Grammy Awards, 5 Pritzker Prizes, 9 Poet Laureate appointments and 5 Nobel Prizes.

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