

## Rocco Scotti

### Music



Rocco Scotti (Biscotti) graduated from Collinwood High School in 1939.

Rocco was the featured singer for the Cleveland Indians, Cavaliers and the Cleveland Force. Rocco was the first singer to perform the national anthem for the Baseball Hall of Fame ceremonies in Canton, Ohio.

He was awarded the Civilian Purple Heart Award from the U.S. Government for inspiring patriotism through his exceptional singing of the Star Spangled Banner. He has also received awards of recognition and praise from numerous local and national veterans and civic organizations for his inspirational performances of the national anthem.

Rocco sang the anthem for Presidents Ford and Reagan. Rocco has the distinction of having sung the Star Spangled Banner live more times and for more varied events than anyone in U.S. history. He was given the Mario Lanza Award by the parents of Mario Lanza in 1965. Rocco also sang in non-athletic venues.

He sang the tenor leads in *La Boheme*, *La Traviata*, *Othello* and *Cavalleria Rusticana*. He also sang with the Rome Symphony Orchestra in Rome and recorded two albums with the orchestra. Rocco has appeared in a feature role, live on stage, with actor Tom Hanks, in the Great Lakes Shakespeare Festival.

Rocco is best known for his rendition of the Star Spangled Banner, which has been recognized by athletes, media, and schools as the “best in the nation.” Rocco’s recording of the national anthem can be heard all over the country at school, colleges and patriotic organizations’ various events.