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December 16th at 1:00pm - 4:00pm
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Make one of a kind spoons (perfect to use for bowls of salt, sugar, tea or herbs) from local shells and wire, hand printed tea towels and beaded seashell napkin rings. Bring your own shells if you wish.

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Naples Winter Wine Festival announces 2016 featured artist

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Michele Oka Doner has been announced as the featured artist for the 2016 Naples Winter Wine Festival. Represented by the Marlborough Gallery in New York City, Ms. Doner is best known for her public art commissions, including "Radiant Site" at New York's Herald Square subway station, "Flight" at Reagan International Airport in Washington, D.C., and "A Walk on the Beach" at the Miami International Airport. The latter consists of 9,000 bronze and mother-of-pearl sculptures lining a 1.25-mile concourse, one of the largest public artworks in the world.

The artist has donated a custom chandelier to the NWWF, which takes place Jan. 29-31.

"The chandelier I'll create for the winning bidder will be both work of art and symbolic gesture, as it is my intention to add more light to a community that ennobles itself with continuous generosity," she says.

Ms. Doner is designing the costumes and sets for George Balanchine's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" for the Miami City Ballet, which will debut concurrently with her solo exhibition at the Perez Museum of Art Miami in March 2016.

She was awarded a 2011 honorary doctorate in fine arts from The New School of Interior Design in New York City. Her decades of work have garnered numerous awards and grants, and her artwork is featured in major museums and private collections throughout the United States and Europe, including The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Art Institute of Chi-



COURTESY PHOTO

A chandelier created by Michele Oka Doner, who has donated a custom piece to be auctioned at the 2016 Naples Winter Wine Festival.

cago, the Musée des Arts Décoratifs at the Louvre and the Whitney Museum of American Art, among many others. Her public art projects can be found in U.S. courthouses, public libraries, hospitals, museums and universities.

In addition to bidding on Ms. Doner's custom chandelier, NWWF guests will be able to vie for one-of-a-kind travel experiences, limited-edition cars, and unique wine lots. Since its inception, the festival has raised more than \$135 million to support its founding organization, the Naples Children & Education Foundation, whose annual grants have provided more than 200,000 children with the services and resources they need to excel.

The festival is limited to 580 guests, and ticket packages for 2016 start at \$10,000 per couple. For more information, call (888) 837-4919 or visit napleswinefestival.com. ■

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