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Juan Genovés is Featured Artist at the 2012 Naples Winter Wine Festival

NAPLES, Fla. (Jan. 9, 2012) – Naples Winter Wine Festival is pleased to announce Juan Genovés as the 2012 Featured Artist, adding to its already lengthy list of talented chefs and vintners participating in this year's event, scheduled for Jan. 27-29 in Naples, Fla.

Born in Valencia in 1930, Genovés is considered to be one of Spain's best known contemporary artists. "Recognized for his aesthetic style rooted in social realism and political art, Genovés has a distinctly critical voice that became a force for political change during the Francisco Franco regime in Spain," said Tara K. Reddi, vice president of Marlborough Gallery, which represents the artist.

Genovés' body of work is devoted to the subject of political engagement. His artistic development occurred in the isolated world of Franco's Spain, where he was influenced by modern photography and cinema, especially the work of Sergei Eisenstein.

Genovés' iconic painting, "Arcos," which will be auctioned off at this year's festival, demonstrates his technique. Working with acrylic paint in an impasto style to create a distinct cinematic quality, his art repeatedly addresses two subjects: the "individual" and the "multitude." Many of his works explore the concept of the crowd where the collective body of humanity is pulled toward something greater than the individual. These works, depicting bird's-eye views of empty landscapes devoid of buildings, roads, trees or any context clues, create a sense of anxiety and dislocation. The artist's forceful use of line and perspective, aligned with an exacting eye for the modulation and use of color, are as physically engaging as they are aesthetically compelling.

Genovés is the recipient of a number of important prizes, including the Mention of Honor at the XXXIII Venice Biennale, 1966; Gold Medal at the VI Biennale Internazionale de San Marino, 1967; Marzotto Internazionale Prize, 1968; Premio Nacional de Artes Plásticas, Spain, 1984; and Premio de las Artes Plásticas de Generalitat Valenciana, Spain, 2002.

Genovés' work is found in many of the most important public collections in the U. S. and Europe, including: The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.; Centre National d'Art Contemporain, Paris, France; Galeria Nazionale d'Arte Moderna, Rome, Italy; The Museum of Modern Art and The Guggenheim Museum, both in New York; Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain; Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel; Instituto Valenciano de Arte Moderno, Valencia, Spain; and Musees Royaux des Beaux-Arts de Belgique, Brussels, Belgium.

Juan Genovés lives and works in Madrid, and is represented exclusively by Marlborough Gallery.

Festival ticket packages are \$8,500 per couple; \$20,000 for reserved seating at the same vintner dinner for two couples. For a schedule of 2012 festivities and more information about the Naples Winter Wine Festival, visit www.napleswinefestival.com or call 888-837-4919.

About Naples Children & Education Foundation

Naples Children & Education Foundation has raised more than \$94.5 million at the Naples Winter Wine Festival since 2001 to create and expand charitable programs serving underprivileged and at-risk children in Collier County. As a direct result of the investments of NCEF, more than 125,000 children have had their lives improved. The foundation is governed by a nine-person board, representing

69 trustees, and currently supports 23 grantees and long-term strategic initiatives focused on children's early learning, medical/oral health, out-of-school programs, behavioral health and childhood hunger.

Naples Winter Wine Festival, the most successful charity wine auction in the world, is the primary source of funds for NCEF. Wine Spectator magazine has ranked NWWF as the nation's top charity wine auction since 2004. The festival is planned and executed by the trustees, foundation staff and hundreds of volunteers.

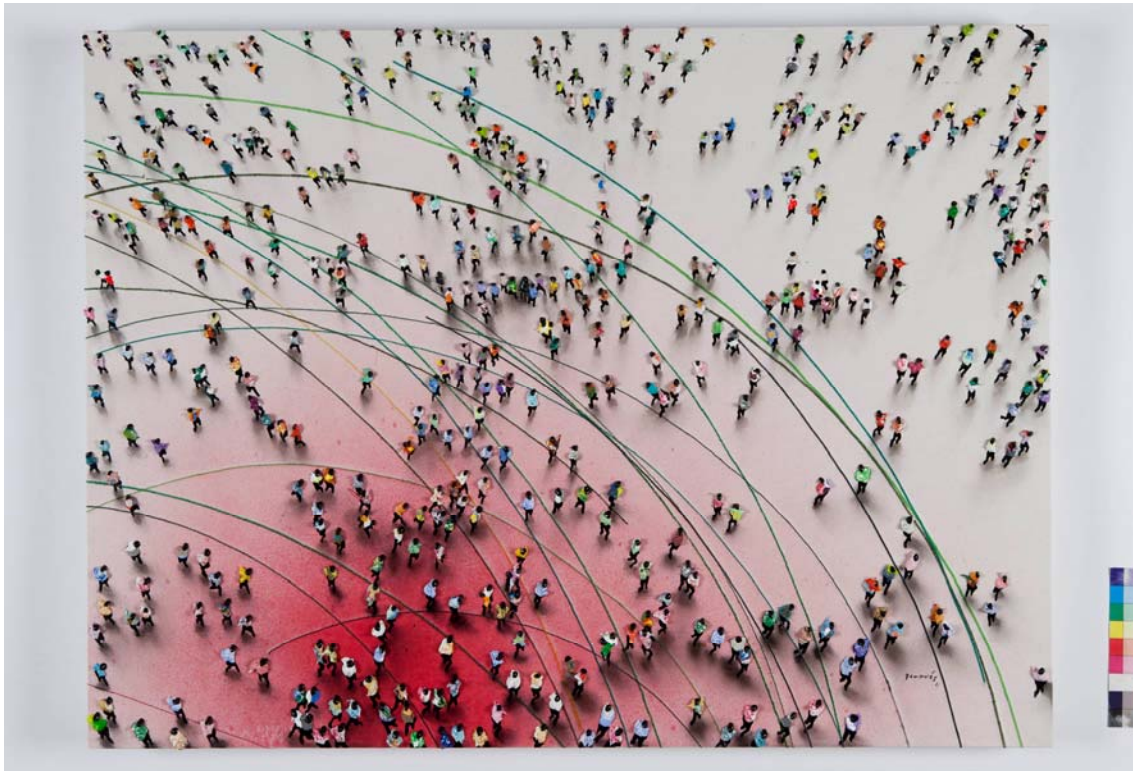
Festival events span three days, beginning with Meet the Kids Day, during which guests interact with children who have benefited from festival proceeds and witness charitable dollars at work. Guests enjoy wine tastings throughout the weekend. They also attend intimate dinners prepared by famous chefs at private homes of NCEF trustees with wines selected and poured by renowned vintners. A festival highlight takes place at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples – a founding sponsor of the festival – with a culinary showcase and live auction of 67 lots. A wine-down party that evening and brunch the next day bring festivities to a close.

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Arcos by Juan Genoves

Art enthusiasts will have a chance to acquire Juan Genovés iconic painting, "Arcos," at the festival auction.