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2022 NAPLES WINTER WINE FESTIVAL UNVEILS LINEUP OF ESTEEMED MASTER SOMMELIERS PARTICIPATING IN ITS 22ND ANNUAL EVENT ON JANUARY 28-30, 2022

NAPLES, FL (December 8, 2021) - The Naples Winter Wine Festival (NWWF) today announced the lineup of esteemed Master Sommeliers headlining the 2022 Festival. With the theme “Rise Up: Twenty Twenty Twogether,” the NWWF will return to The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples highlighting the finest food, wine and incredible live auction lots on January 28-30, 2022.

The NWWF will celebrate its 22nd year, impacting more than 50 of the most effective nonprofit organizations in the local community and providing more than 275,000 at-risk and underprivileged children with the essential services and resources they need to excel. An amazing lineup of the world’s most acclaimed vintners, chefs and Master Sommeliers hailing from seven different countries will set the stage for a weekend of unique, one-of-a-kind wine and culinary experiences.

“We are excited to welcome 17 of the most recognized Master Sommeliers who will showcase some of the world’s top wines at Friday night’s Vintner Dinners and Saturday’s signature Live Auction,” said 2022 Sommelier Liaison Bruce Nichols. “Each of these professionals is at the top of their field with a tremendous amount of knowledge of wines from all regions of the globe.”

Below is a list of the 2022 Naples Winter Wine Festival Master Sommeliers, in alphabetical order:

Gillian Ballance of Treasury Wine Estates in Napa, CA
Jesse Becker of Tendril Wine in Chicago, IL
Fernando Beteta of Connoisseur Wines in Chicago, IL
Jeremy Broto-Mur of Rivers Marie Winery in Calistoga, CA
James Bube of Hogsalt Restaurant Group in Chicago, IL
Dana Gaiser of Southern Glazers Wine & Spirits and Vitamin D Consulting in Brooklyn, NY
Peter Granoff of Ferry Plaza Wine Merchant & Wine Bar and Mission Bay Wine & Cheese in San Francisco, CA and Oxbow Cheese & Wine in Napa, CA
Morgan Harris of OMvino in San Francisco, CA
Élyse Lambert a sommelier consultant in Montréal, Canada

Jack Mason of Republic National Distributing Company in Houston, TX
Steven McDonald of Pappas Bros. Steakhouse in Houston, TX
Michael McNeill of Georgia Crown Distributing Company in Atlanta, GA
George Miliotes of Wine Bar George in Orlando, FL
Chris Miller of Bold Wine Company and Seabold Cellars in Marina, CA
Jarad Slipp of Knead Wine and Tremolo in Middleburg, VA
Pier-Alexis Soulière of *pasouliere.com* in Québec, Canada
David Yoshida of Pollux Wine in Berkeley, CA and Threadfin Bistro in Mililani, HI

About Naples Winter Wine Festival

The Naples Winter Wine Festival, one of the world's most prestigious charity wine auctions, offers a weekend of unforgettable memories. Guests enjoy world-class food and wine during intimate dinners in private homes and are invited to bid on once-in-a-lifetime travel and wine experiences during an electrifying live auction. Since its inaugural event in 2001, the NWWF has raised nearly \$220 million, making a profound difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of children.

About Naples Children & Education Foundation

The Naples Children & Education Foundation, the founding organization of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, is improving the educational, emotional and health outcomes of underprivileged and at-risk children. Through its annual grants and strategic initiatives, NCEF has impacted more than 50 of the most effective nonprofits in the community, providing more than 275,000 children with the services and resources they need to excel. NCEF's unique approach, which emphasizes collaboration between organizations and bridges public and private resources, has become a blueprint for how to transform a community, one issue at a time.

For additional information on the Naples Children & Education Foundation or the 2022 Naples Winter Wine Festival and/or related news, please visit www.NaplesWineFestival.com.

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