

Kravis Center for the Performing Arts To Host Annual Palm Beach Wine Auction At The Breakers – February 16

Invitation-Only Event Will Raise Funds for Kravis Center's Education Programs

(West Palm Beach, FL – January 18, 2010) The **Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts** will host its celebrated annual **Palm Beach Wine Auction** on Tuesday, February 16, at The Breakers, Palm Beach.

More than 140 friends and supporters are expected to attend this invitation-only event that sells-out every year and raises much needed funds for the Kravis Center's award-winning education programs. For more information, please visit www.palmbeachwineauction.org.

Palm Beach Wine Auction Founder & Chair **Ted Mandes**, who is also a member of the Kravis Center's Board of Directors, emphasizes that the event's mission is to "share the cultural wealth" by further advancing and broadening the scope of the educational experience of our youth.

"It is not just a cause, but an ongoing obligation," he said. "The annual Palm Beach Wine Auction provides us the opportunity to involve the entire community and create awareness of the Kravis Center's education programs that are so vital to our youth today."

"The Palm Beach Wine Auction is an unbelievable opportunity to wine and dine in a sumptuous environment, purchase unbelievable wine values, and walk away with the satisfaction of knowing you're doing something to improve the lives of young people throughout the Palm Beaches," said event supporter **David Hamilton**.

The 2010 Palm Beach Wine Auction on February 16 will start with a reception in The Tapestry Bar at The Breakers from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by an elegant five-course dinner and wine auction in

The Circle Room. The ticket price is \$750 per person.

The auction of more than 30 impressive lots will once again be under the direction of **Michael Troise** the retired Auction Director for NY Wines/Christie's International Fine and Rare Wine Department and an expert with more than 40 years experience tasting, buying and brokering wines from vintages dating as far back as the late eighteenth century. He is the current Wine Advisor for Wine Gavel Fine and Rare Wine Auctions, The Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in West Palm Beach, The Itzhak and Toby Perlman Music Program and numerous private clubs, restaurants and organizations throughout the country. He is also a consultant to private clients in the private equity field of wine investment management and is a specialist in rare wine authentication and fraud detection. He sits on the board of many charitable organizations, is President of The Rusty Staub Foundation, Bailli Honoraire for the International Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, Officier Commandeur and Dinner Committee Chairman for Chevaliers du Tastevin, Commandeur of the Commanderie de Bordeaux and a member of both the International Wine and Food Society and Compagnons de Beaujolais.

The Premier Grand Cru sponsor for the annual Palm Beach Wine Auction is **PNC Wealth Management**.

The Premier Cru sponsors are **Madeline and Roderic Fink, Chris N. Kritikos**, and **Laurie Silvers and Mitchell Rubenstein**.

Private Reserve sponsors include **Jane M. Mitchell** and **Lewis M. Schott**.

Special Select sponsors are **Barbara and Jerome Golden, Laurie J. Raber and Steven M. Gottlieb**, and **Sydelle F. Meyer**. Special Support is being provided by **Tiffany & Co.**

About the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts:

The Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts is a not-for-profit performing arts center whose mission is to enhance the quality of life in Palm Beach County by presenting a diverse schedule of national and international artists and companies of the highest

quality; by offering comprehensive arts education programs; by providing a Palm Beach County home in which local and regional arts organizations can showcase their work; and by providing economic catalyst and community leadership in West Palm Beach, supporting efforts to increase travel and tourism to Palm Beach County.

The Kravis Center is located at 701 Okeechobee Blvd. in West Palm Beach, FL. For more information, please call **561-832-7469** or visit www.kravis.org.

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