

RARE WINES FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO BE UNCORKED FOR CHARITY AT NEWPORT BEACH WINE TASTING BENEFIT

SANTA ANA, Calif. (September 12, 2013) – Wine lovers will gather in Newport Beach for the **7th Annual Keep the Promise Wine Tasting Benefit** to taste exceptionally rare wines in support of Santa Ana charity **The Wooden Floor**. The benefit has quickly become the region's hot ticket event, last year netting over \$200,000 for The Wooden Floor, an arts-based youth development nonprofit that has served 75,000 low-income youth since its inception. This year's *Keep the Promise* event, taking place September 26, 2013, tops off an already celebratory year as The Wooden Floor commemorates its **30th Anniversary** and the **9th consecutive year that 100% of its senior class enrolled in higher education**.

Keep the Promise event attendees will sample once-in-a-lifetime vintages from around the world—all generously collected and donated by Newport Beach residents **Janice and John Markley**. The benefit event was conceived by the Markley's to translate the passion of wine lovers in Orange County into direct support for The Wooden Floor and its year-round dance, academic, and family service programs. John Markley spends years hand-selecting the wines that are featured and enlists the help of a **Master Sommelier**, of which there are only 201 worldwide.

"We are so thankful for the support that Janice and John Markley provide by allowing guests to enjoy these wines, which in turn helps us *keep the promise* we make to each of our students that from here, they can step anywhere," states the organization's **Executive Director and Co-CEO Dawn S. Reese**, "Over 92% of The Wooden Floor's funding comes from generous individuals like the Markley's, as well as corporations, and foundations. This allows us to provide our youth with the tools to lead fuller, healthier lives, graduate high school on time, and enroll in college at a rate 50% higher than their socioeconomic peers."

This year's benefit will feature wines from all corners of the earth, including Argentina, Australia, Chile, Germany, France, Italy, New Zealand, and Spain, paired with artfully prepared hearty hors d'oeuvres. The evening will conclude with a French Champagne toast of the 1996 R&L Legras Blanc de Blancs Cuvee Saint-Vincent, rated 97 pts. by noted Swedish Champagne critic Richard Juhlin.

EVENT DETAILS

Keep the Promise: A Wine Tasting Benefit for The Wooden Floor

Thursday, September 26, 2013, at 6pm

in Newport Beach, CA – the public can call The Wooden Floor for location information

Cost: \$350 per person, \$250 of which is tax deductible. RSVP at 714.541.8314 ext. 124 or www.TheWoodenFloor.org/WineTasting

FEATURED RED WINES

2007 Bodegas Catena Zapata Malbec Argentino Vineyard. *Mendoza, Argentina.* The Wine Advocate Rated 97 pts. Retail Cost: \$90

2004 Fontodi Flaccianello della Pieve Vino da Tavola. *Tuscany, Italy.* The Wine Advocate Rated 96 pts. Retail Cost: \$102

2006 Groth Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve. *Napa Valley, California.* The Wine Spectator Rated 95 pts. Retail Cost: \$98

2010 Hamilton Russell Pinot Noir, *Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, Walker Bay, South Africa.* The Wine Advocate rated 95 pts. Retail Cost: \$43

2006 Jim Barry The Armagh Shiraz. *Clare Valley, Australia.* The Wine Advocate Rated 98 pts. Retail Cost: \$183

1994 Lopez de Heredia Vina Tondonia Gran Reserva. *Rioja, Spain.* The Wine Advocate Rated 96 pts. Retail Cost: \$97

2010 Vina Montes Alpha "M". *Rapel Valley, Chile.* The Wine Spectator Rated 96 pts. Retail Cost: \$75

2009 Chateau Prieure-Lichine Margaux. *Bordeaux, France.* The Wine Spectator Rated 94-97 pts. Retail Cost: \$48

FEATURED WHITE WINES

2009 Jermann Vintage Tunina. *Friuli, Italy.* James Suckling Rated 94 pts. Retail Cost: \$63

2009 Leeuwin Estate Chardonnay Art Series. *Margaret River, Australia.* The Wine Spectator Rated 96 pts. Retail Cost: \$86

2009 Louis Latour Corton Charlemagne. *Cote de Beaune, Burgundy,* James Suckling Rated 97 pts. Retail Cost: \$96

2008 Peter Michael Chardonnay Mon Plaisir. *Sonoma Coast, California.* The Wine Spectator Rated 96 pts. Retail Cost: \$85

2011 Schafer-Frolich Felseneck Grosses Gewachs Riesling. *Germany.* John Gilman Rated 98+ pts. Retail Cost: \$66

2010 Kumeu River Mates Vineyard Chardonnay. *Auckland, New Zealand.* The Wine Advocate Rated 94 pts. Retail Cost: \$43

FEATURED CHAMPAGNE

1996 R&L Legras Blanc de Blancs Cuvee Saint-Vincent. *Champagne, France.* Richard Juhlin Rated 97 pts. Retail Cost: \$97

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