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Karen Lynne Gallery Hosts Nat King Cole Generation Hope

Artist Joseph Nicastri Donates Painting to Foundation to Benefit Music Education in South Florida Schools

Boca Raton, FL – The **KAREN LYNNE GALLERY** of Royal Palm Place hosted an unforgettable evening of the ARTS to benefit the efforts of the **NAT KING COLE Generation Hope** and its mission to keep music education in South Florida Schools. Established in 2008 by Cole's youngest daughters, twins Timolin and Casey, this non-profit foundation is a necessity when school budget cuts are as common as housing foreclosures.

The more than 100 guests enjoyed wine and tasty delights during an intoxicating display of artistic expression, both through the visual art of the Karen Lynne Gallery and the musical representation of the Nat King Cole Foundation. Artist Joseph Nicastri unveiled a painting specifically created for the event and donated it to the Foundation. The painting, "Unforgettable," shows the image of two children's hands at a piano, topped with a Capital Records Nat King Cole Album. The painting is currently showcased at the Gallery and 100% of its proceeds will benefit the Foundation.

"The painting symbolizes everything our Foundation stands for: the legacy of our father along with sheparding young children toward a lifetime of music appreciation," said Timolin Cole. "Music has and continues to be the fabric that binds our nations and cultures. It's only right that our children have the opportunity to find their own voices."

Casey Cole added "We are so grateful to both Joseph Nicastri and the Karen Lynne Gallery for supporting the Foundation in such a beautiful manner. Their donations help

tremendously in our efforts to provide musical instruments, field trips and other opportunities for students.”

Other artists showcased that evening included Jorge Botero and Michel Pellus. The evening also featured live string music performed by students from Lynn University. Guests enjoyed appetizers provide by Lemongrass and Chops.

The **KAREN LYNNE GALLERY** was thrilled to sponsor such an event both as a friend to Casey and Timolin as well as a longstanding representative to the Arts. “Music and Art are what enriches our lives, it’s only right that we give back as much as we can.”, says Karen Lynne Asher, owner of the Karen Lynne Gallery.

Cole’s youngest twin daughters, Casey and Timolin launched the Foundation after learning of budget cuts in South Florida public schools. It was created to provide funding for music education to children of all ages, ethnic backgrounds and diversities, including instruction in musical instruments, composition, songwriting and recording arts as well as several other seminars and field trips.

For additional information regarding the event, please contact the Karen Lynne Gallery at 561.338.9801. Also visit: www.natkingcolefoundation.org for more information about the foundation and how to donate.

NKC Generation Hope, Inc. has been established as a 501©(3) non-profit organization in South Florida. Its officers are Timolin and Casey Cole, both of Boca Raton. Honorary Board Members are: Mrs. Nat King Cole of Ponte Verdre, Fla.; Ms. Natalie Cole and Ms. Carole Cole, both of Los Angeles; PA; Mr. Colin Cowie of Los Angeles; Mr. Anthony C. Gruppo of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Jones of Los Angeles; Mr. Leslie Linder of West Palm Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Al Malnik of Palm Beach; of Palm Beach; Ms. Holly Robinson and Mr. Rodney Peete, both of Los Angeles, Mr. Madelyn Savarick of Boca Raton; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mancini of Boca Raton, and Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Zimmerman also of Boca Raton.

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