The International Sculpture Center’s board of trustees will present its 14th annual Patron Award to Olga Hirshhorn at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3 at the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts, Daniels Pavilion, 5833 Pelican Bay Boulevard in Naples.

The Patron Award was established by the ISC’s board of trustees in 1993 to recognize individuals who have made exemplary contributions to the advancement of contemporary sculpture.

Hirshhorn is a well-known art collector and philanthropist who has devoted her life to the appreciation and preservation of art. Along with her late husband, Joseph H. Hirshhorn, she was instrumental in the founding of the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington, D.C. She has also donated her private collection of decorative and fine art to the Corcoran Gallery of Art where she has served as a volunteer and board member since the 1970s.

Olga Hirshhorn has been a member of the Naples Art Association since she arrived in Naples in the early 1960s, and serves on the Friends of Art board at the Patty & Jay Baker Naples Museum as well.

The Patron Award reception will feature cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, followed by the award presentation. Tickets are $150 per person and reservation deadline is Friday, Jan. 20.

The International Sculpture Center is a member-supported, nonprofit organization founded in 1960 to champion the creation and understanding of sculpture and its contribution to society. Members include sculptors, collectors, patrons, architects,
Juan Genovés has been selected as the 2012 featured artist for the Naples Winter Wine Festival Jan. 27-29. Genovés is considered one of Spain's best known contemporary artists, and his work is devoted to the subject of political engagement.

"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, in a news release announcing his selection. The gallery represents Genovés.

Genovés' 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."

An exhibition of Genovés' work has also been on the season schedule for the Patty & Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art; it opens Thursday, March 1.

Genovés is the recipient of the Gold Medal at the VI Biennale Internazionale de San Marino, 1967; Marzotto Internazional Prize, 1968; Premio Nacional de Artes Plásticas, Spain, 1984; and Premio de las Artes Plásticas de Generalitat Valenciana, Spain, 2002. His work is in the Art Institute of Chicago; Centre National d'Art Contemporain, Paris, France; Galeria Nazionale d'Arte Moderna, Rome, Italy; The Museum of Modern Art and The Guggenheim Museum, in New York; among others.

Festival ticket packages are $8,500 per couple for the vintner dinner and auction that benefits the festival's charity foundation for children's needs. For a schedule and information about the Naples Winter Wine Festival, visit http://www.napleswinefestival.com; or call 888-837-4919.

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