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Hermitage Artist Retreat Announces Dates for 2020 Artful Lobster (November 14) and 2021 Greenfield Prize Dinner (April 11)

(May 26, 2020) The Hermitage Artist Retreat recently announced the dates for the organization's two signature fundraising events in 2020-2021. The highly popular **Artful Lobster** will be Saturday, November 14, 2020, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Hermitage's historic campus on Manasota Key. The **Hermitage Greenfield Prize Dinner**, which will honor the 2021 prize recipient, is scheduled for Sunday, April 11, 2021, 6-8:30 p.m., at Michael's On East in Sarasota. Details for both events, including ticket prices, sponsorship opportunities and entertainment, will be announced later in the summer. (In the event of any changes due to COVID-19, further details will be announced.)

Now in its 12th year, the Artful Lobster serves as a kickoff to the season for many in our community, raising valuable funds for the Hermitage's nationally renowned artist residency program. This signature event, which takes place on the Hermitage's beautiful beachfront campus, features performances by Hermitage Fellows and a lobster feast by Michael's On East.

Each year in April, the Hermitage Artist Retreat hosts the Greenfield Prize Dinner, heralding the jury-selected prize recipient of the prestigious award. 2021 will mark the 13th year of this annual celebration. The Hermitage Greenfield Prize includes a six-week Hermitage residency and a \$30,000 commission. The distinguished honor rotates annually among theater, music, and visual art. The 2020 Hermitage Greenfield Prize was awarded to visual artist Jennifer Packer, and the 2021 prize will be presented to a theater artist.

The Hermitage continues its spring fundraising campaign through June, with every gift being matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$150,000. To make a donation, or to hear from Hermitage Fellows about their experience, please visit

www.HermitageArtistRetreat.org.

About the Hermitage Artist Retreat:

The Hermitage is a nonprofit artist retreat located in Manasota Key, Florida, inviting accomplished artists across multiple disciplines for residencies on its beachfront campus, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Hermitage artists are invited to interact with the local community, serving thousands of Gulf Coast residents and visitors each year with unique and inspiring programs. Hermitage fellows have included nine Pulitzer Prize winners, along with multiple Tony, Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and MacArthur Fellowship award winners. Works created at this beachside retreat by a diverse group of Hermitage alumni have gone on to renowned theatres, concert halls, and galleries throughout the world. Each year, the Hermitage awards the \$30,000 Greenfield Prize for a new work of art, and the Aspen Music Festival awards the annual Hermitage Prize in Composition. For more information about The Hermitage Artist Retreat, visit www.HermitageArtistRetreat.org.

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