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**Empowering People...Enriching Lives**

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## **Herkimer ARC Premier Wine Auction Achieves Record and Raises Over \$311,000**

**11/13/2014 - Herkimer, NY.** The 19th Annual New York International Wine Auction (NYIWA), one of the northeast's premier wine events, set another record in 2014 by reaching the highest auction gross of over \$311,000 at the October event.

Proceeds from NYIWA help the Herkimer ARC to support people with disabilities and others living in Central New York to achieve full potential and to live enriched lives.

Herkimer ARC President/CEO Kevin Crosley commented, "Each year we hear, the Herkimer ARC hosts the best event in the Mohawk Valley, and we think that's true. For the 11th year in a row, we've broken our record of raising more funds over the previous years. We owe great gratitude to our sponsors, donors, our staff and volunteers, among many others. We live in such a generous community.

One of the highlights again this year was our Gentlemen's group, comprised of six individuals with disabilities, auctioning their unique paintings that they created specially for the event."

NYIWA's 20th Anniversary Celebration is slated for Saturday, November 7, 2015 at the Turning Stone Resort • Casino in Verona, NY. NYIWA staff is already working in concert with the Turning Stone to plan a weekend of events: from a VIP sponsor reception to overnight accommodations to international wine tastings—culminating in spectacular silent and live auctions and a five-course gourmet dinner on Saturday evening. The California Solicitation team is headed to California in January and the Finger Lakes in April to bring back outstanding wine donations.

Sponsors for 2014 included: Event Sponsor: WUTR. Premier Media Sponsors: Syracuse Media Group. Tasting Sponsor: Scalzo, Zogby & Wittig, Inc. Toasting Sponsor: The Bonadio Group. Silent Auction Sponsors: Planet Fitness and the Foundtainhead Group, Inc. Chateau Sponsors: Neckermann Consulting,



*Seated from left, Martin and Krista Babinec are congratulated by, standing from left, Herkimer ARC President/CEO Kevin Crosley, Wine Model Leah Davis, Sommelier Johannes Neckermann, and Wine Model Michael Smith for their winning bid at the 2014 New York International Wine Auction.*

## 2014 NYIWA/2-2-2

and NBT Bank. Auction Paddle Sponsor: Romanelli Communications.

Dinner wines and water sponsors included Ilion Wine & Spirits, William & Janice Owens, Dr. Dennis & Mary Ellen Blom, Jim Brock Agency, Daniel & Terry Miller, Richard Roehm and Frances Lathrop, Paul Kucerak, Eastern Auto Mall, Leslie Crosley, Breelynd Eggleston, Jackie Eggleston, Marcia Scalzo, and Johannes and Ljiljana Neckermann (water).

For more information about becoming involved with NYIWA 2015 as a sponsor, wine or fine lifestyle items donor, guest or volunteer, contact Tony Vennera at (315) 574-7355 or [tvennera@nyiwa.com](mailto:tvennera@nyiwa.com). For updates regarding the 2015 event, visit [www.nyiwa.com](http://www.nyiwa.com). For more information regarding the Herkimer ARC, visit [www.herkimerarc.org](http://www.herkimerarc.org).

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