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Lucio Salvatore at Poiesis Art Festival in Fabriano

Lucio Salvatore and Gerard Depardieu Pay Homage to Caravaggio's Masterpiece Maddalena Penitente in Fabriano, Italy. Poiesis Art Festival will dedicate to poetry and passion an exhibition of international artists and writers such as Lucio Salvatore, Gerard Depardieu and Tahar Ben Jelloun.

New York, NY May 20th, 2008 -- Poiesis is the name of the new Art Festival that will open in Fabriano, Italy on May 23, 2008. The artists are invited by director and poetess Francesca Merloni to pay tribute to Caravaggio's Maddalena Penitente, a symbol of passion in which rare beauty will be the main attraction of the event.

Poiesis, "the art of creating", is the name of the festival and also the subject of the event that finds its symbol in the color red, celebrated in Lucio Salvatore's latest paintings executed with blood. The young artist is known for using fire and blood to create his works and for having dedicated his recent production to support the environmental cause. More recently Salvatore is creating a new series of painting in which it is "fought a battle" that symbolizes the violence, as the artist says, "of man against man, man against the world".

Another highlight of Poiesis is the presence of Gerard Depardieu, who will be reading Passages from Saint Augustine to celebrate poetry and its power of concretely influencing people and society. Talented Italian actors Sergio Rubini and Alessandro Preziosi will also perform by reading "Choruses from the Rock" by TS Elliot.

During the festival there will be movies projections – all about the color red – and the exhibition of a series of video art projects created by young Italian artists. The festival will close with the interview of Moroccan writer Tahar Ben Jelloun, winner of Global Tolerance award, conferred in 1998 by United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan.