

GOURMET FOOD, WINE AND DESIGN AT 3rd ANNUAL CHILL *An International Wine & Culinary Tasting to Benefit Charity*

October 15, 2009, CHICAGO—On Thursday, November 12, LuxeHome, in partnership with *Wine Spectator* and sponsored by The Tribune Media Group will present CHILL, the 3rd annual wine and culinary event to benefit Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago in their crusade to fight lung disease and promote healthy lungs through research, advocacy, and education.

Enjoy world-renowned wines paired with gourmet food from distinguished chefs throughout Chicago hosted in LuxeHome's 30 luxury kitchen and bath boutiques. Open to the public and located on the first floor of the world-famous Merchandise Mart, LuxeHome is the world's largest collection of luxury boutiques for home building and renovation.

"CHILL is one of the best wine and culinary events in Chicago as it features great food, wine and design all in the name of charity," says Katherine Flaherty, vice president of building products and special projects, MMPI. "It has been great partnering with *Wine Spectator* for the third year in a row and we are so happy to help the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago in their mission to fight lung disease."

The VIP Reception will be held in the newest boutique at LuxeHome, Porcelanosa Tile/ Kitchen/ Bath. To celebrate the Spanish heritage of this new addition to LuxeHome, two special cavas, Freixenet Elyssia Pinot Noir Brut and Gloria Ferrer Royal Cuvée 2002, will be paired with signature cuisine from Michael Fiorello of Spanish hot-spot, Mercat a la Planxa.

Following the VIP Reception, the Main Event, 6-8:30pm, features wines, spirits and culinary tastings from 30 distinguished Chefs and restaurants.

Restaurants Include:

- Adobo Grill
- Ben Pao
- blueprint
- Brasserie JO & Everest
- The Bristol
- The Café at the Ritz Carlton Chicago
- The Chopping Block
- Carnivale
- Coco Pazzo
- Crofton on Wells
- David Burke's Primehouse
- Eve
- Japonais

- Kinzie Chophouse
- Kitchens of KOHLER
- MARKETHOUSE
- Mercat a la Planxa
- MK
- Piccolo Sogno
- Prosecco
- Province
- Quartino
- Rosebud Restaurants
- Roy's
- Seasons Restaurant
- The Signature Room
- Sixteen
- Socca
- SugarToad
- Wildfire

The evening will be supported by lively entertainment and a variety of other food and beverage sponsors such as Nespresso Espresso Bars, Fiji Water, premium cheese table, Nona's Biscotti, Jordan's Food of Distinction and Mrs. Prindable's Apples to complement your tasting experience. Also, there is a fabulous Silent Auction featuring wine and restaurant packages donated by participating wineries, distributors, restaurants and more.

In addition, there is a "**Blind Wine Raffle**" featuring 200 bottles of wine. In a **blind wine raffle**, participants will pay \$20 to purchase a wrapped bottle of wine, which can be worth anywhere between \$30 and \$100. In keeping with the international flavor of Chill, the raffle will include wines from Italy, France, Spain, New Zealand, South Africa, the Napa Region and more.

Wine Spectator's Samantha Shanken, VP of Marketing, has been part of the planning since the very beginning. "*Wine Spectator* is proud to be the sponsor of this exciting event for the 3rd year in a row. The line-up of chefs, paired with our wine clients will make for a very special evening."

"This year, all of the proceeds from Chill will support educational programs for people living with COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) and their caregivers," says Joel Africk, President and CEO of Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago. "So many people living with COPD don't even know that they have it. It's wonderful to partner with LuxeHome and the Merchandise Mart to raise awareness about this growing health issue."

Chill is Thursday, November 12, 2009 with a VIP Tasting Reception from 5-6 p.m. followed by the Wine & Culinary Event and Silent Auction from 6-8:30 p.m.

50% of all ticket sales and 100% of the proceeds from the Silent Auction and raffle will benefit the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago.

Tickets are \$85 for the Main Event and \$175 for the VIP Wine Tasting Reception. Tickets can be purchased online at www.luxehome.com/chill or by phone at 312-628-0211

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ABOUT LUXEHOME®

LuxeHome boasts more than 100,000 square feet of space with 30 boutiques that feature the finest kitchen and bath products for luxury home building and renovation from the most recognized and respected manufacturers worldwide. Open to the public, as well as interior designers, architects and custom builders, LuxeHome displays the widest selection of products to fit all lifestyles, from modern European to classic American to traditional English. In addition to the extensive lineup of manufacturers, each boutique offers knowledgeable designers who are available to assist with all phases of each design project. LuxeHome's boutiques are open for shopping Monday through Saturday.

Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc. (MMPI) is a trade show and property management firm, specializing in managing buildings devoted to wholesale showrooms and commercial office space. MMPI produces more than 300 trade shows, market events and conferences each year.

MMPI manages The Merchandise Mart and 350 W. Mart Center in Chicago; Market Square, the Suites at Market Square, Hamilton Market, Plaza Suites, Furniture Plaza and the National Furniture Mart in High Point, N.C.; the Architects & Designers Building and 7 W New York in New York; the Boston Design Center in Boston; the L.A. Mart in Los Angeles; and the Washington Design Center and Federal Center Southwest in Washington D.C.

Vornado Realty Trust, owner of MMPI, based in New York City, is a fully integrated real estate investment trust. Vornado's common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and are traded under the symbol VNO.

ABOUT WINE SPECTATOR

Wine Spectator is the world's largest-circulation wine publication. Our experienced tasters review more than 18,000 wines each year, providing authoritative guidance about rare collectibles and great values. Beyond the ratings, Wine Spectator puts wine in context, offering news and analysis, comprehensive travel and dining guides, advice for collectors, wine-matching menus, and more. No other publication covers the entire world of wine.

ABOUT RESPIRATORY HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO (RHAMC)

Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago is a local health charity with a mission to fight lung disease and promote healthy lungs through research, advocacy, and education. This year, proceeds from *Chill* will help provide resources for people living with COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), which includes emphysema and chronic bronchitis. Currently the nation's fourth leading cause of death, COPD is the only one of the top five causes still rising. There is no cure, but with education and proper care, COPD patients can lengthen and improve their quality of life. Respiratory Health Association educates people living with COPD and their

caregivers, advocates to improve patient care, and supports medical research at Chicago's leading institutions. Learn more at www.lungchicago.org.

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