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**MERCHANDISE MART INTERNATIONAL ANTIQUES FAIR™ PREVIEW NIGHT
WILL BENEFIT REHABILITATION INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO**

CHICAGO (Feb. 28, 2011) – The Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair™ Preview Night will be held from 5 p.m.- 8 p.m., on April 28, on the 8th Floor of The Merchandise Mart, Chicago. Guests will be among the first to experience the Fair's offerings from top national and international dealers, while enjoying a sumptuous buffet, cocktails and live music. Proceeds benefit the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (RIC).

5 p.m.–8 p.m. • RIC Preview Party

Open to those who purchase Connoisseur, Benefactor or Patron level tickets. Tickets start at \$150 per person. To purchase tickets, visit www.ric.org/antiquesfair or call (312) 238-6023.

"The Women's Board of RIC is proud of its 14-year relationship with The Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair. We are grateful that The Antiques Fair supports RIC's medical leadership across the world and its vision to advance human ability through science and research," said Mary Arnberg and Lori Nerenberg, co-chairs for The Antiques Fair Preview Party.

The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (RIC) is the nation's #1 ranked provider of comprehensive physical medicine and rehabilitation care to patients from around the world and is the leader in research and development of the most cutting-edge treatments and technology in its field. Founded in 1954, RIC been designated the "#1 Rehabilitation Hospital in America" by *U.S. News & World Report* every year since 1991. RIC operates its 165-bed flagship hospital in downtown Chicago, as well as a network more than 40 sites of care located throughout Illinois and Indiana that provide additional inpatient care, day rehabilitation, and outpatient services. Through aggressive medical protocols, RIC guides the patient care process toward a better patient outcome – involving repair, regeneration, and recovery of brain, spinal cord and musculoskeletal function.

"We are proud of the continued commitment between The Antiques Fair and our long time Preview Party beneficiary. The preview is a wonderful opportunity for collectors to take advantage of The Fair before it opens and to interact with dealers, all while supporting one of Chicago's very finest treasures, the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago," said Jennifer Woolford, senior vice president of consumer shows, MMPI.

The Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair features an extraordinary collection of work—from rare antiquities to modern design—presented by more than 100 of the world's top dealers of antiques and fine art. The 14th Annual Fair is recognized as the premier antiques show in the Midwest and offers a compelling roster of high-profile speakers, charitable special events as well as designer vignettes and consultations for both seasoned and novice collectors.

The Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair runs from April 29 - May 2 and will once again be an exciting component of Artropolis, a world-class, city-wide celebration art, antiques and culture. The multiple shows under the Artropolis umbrella include Art Chicago, one of the leading contemporary art fairs in the world, NEXT, an invitational exhibition of emerging art and The Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair. Tickets are \$15-\$25 and provide admission to Artropolis. For more information call (800) 677-MART (6278).

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