

EXCLUSIVE NEW LINES MAKE THEIR DEBUT AT THE CHICAGO MARKET: LIVING AND GIVING™

The January 2007 Chicago Market: Living and Giving™ Invites Buyers to

The Merchandise Mart January 19-25

CHICAGO, IL (January 9, 2007) – The Chicago Market: Living and Giving™ debuts at Chicago's Merchandise Mart January 19-25, 2007, offering access to some of the newest, freshest and most innovative lines in the industry.

Some of the new lines premiering at The Chicago Market: Living and Giving include:

Home Accents and Gifts:

Pine Cone Hill: Pine Cone Hill products — quilts, bedding, sheeting, pajamas, robes, curtains and furniture — feature charm with unexpected patterns, bold, punch-drunk color and down-to-earth elegance. Pine Cone Hill can be found in Orchard Street Associates, Showroom 1522.

Dash & Albert: Dash & Albert features an eclectic mix of hooked, hand-loomed, woven, and braided rugs designed for real life and real people. Dash & Albert can be found in Orchard Street Associates, Showroom 1522.

Pot Luck Studios: An edgy mix of savvy style and urban sophistication, Potluck Studios features a refined array of contemporary pottery, table linens and woodenware. Potluck Studios can be found in Orchard Street Associates, Showroom 1522.

Aidan Gray Home: The Aidan Gray line represents a love for interiors, design and authentic products that exude “European Grandeur.” The founding partners’ desire for products made by hand and with authentic materials such as solid wood, rustic metals, antique mirror, old painted finishes and silk appointments drives product development. Aidan Gray Home can be found in Casa Bella, Showroom 1578.

PTMD: PTMD features home and garden accessories from the Netherlands. The line is new to the U.S. and only in Chicago. The success of the PTMD collection lies in the fact that it is a unique, characteristic and affordable collection. PTMD can be found in Kenneth Ludwig Home Furnishings, Showroom 1590.

Pear-Sun Designs: Featuring hand-screened art images on decorative metal mesh frames, Pear-Sun Designs’ style ranges from transitional to modern. Pear-Sun Designs can be found in Kenneth Ludwig Home Furnishings, Showroom 1590.

Brant Williams: Brant Williams original paintings have a modern flair. Brant Williams can be found in Kenneth Ludwig Home Furnishings, Showroom 1590.

Montaage: Doug Wilson, a Chicago-born designer, is the principal behind the Montaage line of home accessories. Montaage can be found in One Coast-Midwest Home, Showroom 1570.

Hebi Arts: Owners Theresa and Daryl Wong share a passion for Asian and other ancient art as

well as a thoroughly modern design sensibility. The company's line of wall art, sculpture, home accessories and accent furniture transcends the traditional. Hebi Arts can be found in Kuker/Zangs, Showroom 1559.

Central Oriental Rugs: Central Oriental Rugs offers stunning oriental rugs at sensational prices. As a manufacturer and importer, Central Oriental has the ability to offer many different qualities and price points to fit in any retail location. Central Oriental Rugs can be found in Kuker/Zangs, Showroom 1559.

Valdrome: Valdrome offers authentic Provencal-style table linens and accessories. Valdrome can be found in Diane Baker & Company, Showroom 12-205.

Marta Mikey: Ranging from exquisite reclaimed oak furniture from South America to classic home décor of stone and metal combinations, Marta Mikey's products work equally well in a traditional or cutting-edge setting. Marta Mikey can be found in Russell Rades & Associates, Showroom 12-308.

Mainstreet Collection: Mainstreet Collection offers a variety of gift and tabletop items. Mainstreet Collection can be found in Straaton, Showroom 1575.

Furniture:

The Homeport/Java Collection: This collection consists of clean-lined transitional furniture in exotic woods. The Homeport/Java Collection can be found in Georgia Gooch, Showroom 12-201.

Patagonia Trading Company: This manufacturer specializes in modern and transitional furniture and upholstery. Patagonia Trading Company can be found in Kenneth Ludwig Home Furnishings, Showroom 1590.

Kitchenware:

Tea Posy: Tea Posy's uncommon beauty and exquisite taste consists of premium white tea leaves and natural herbal flowers handcrafted into delicate blossoms that delightfully bloom for tea drinking pleasure. Tea Posy can be found in Michele Levitt & Associates, Showroom 1566.

Pej: Pej kitchenware features great Danish design, quality and functionality. Pej can be found in Right Brain Enterprises, Showroom 13-424.

Silvie Goldmark: Silvie Goldmark creates hand-carved pewter-casted and silver or gold-plated kitchen accessories. Silvie Goldmark can be found in Diane Baker & Company, Showroom 12-205.

Personal Care:

Mangiacotti Florals: Exquisitely wrapped in colorful packaging, Mangiacotti Florals' product line includes premium liquid and glycerin soaps, air fresheners and luxury home care items, all with a fun, whimsical theme. Mangiacotti Florals carries more than sixty products in six fragrances. Mangiacotti Florals can be found in Orchard Street & Associates, Showroom 12-320.

Antica Farmacista: Antica Farmacista captures old-world European charm and mystery with its collection of unique signature scents for the home and body that draws inspiration from the mystery of the Mediterranean Sea and the serenity of the gardens of Tuscany. Antica Farmacista can be found in Creative Visions, Showroom 1597.

Abahna: A great deal of care and attention goes into Abahna's formulations to make them as natural, simple and effective as possible, benefiting both the body and the wider world. Abahna uses ingredients from plants, flowers, herbs and trees, and wherever possible ensure that its products are naturally preserved. Abahna can be found in Creative Visions, Showroom 1597.

Fashion Accessories:

Jolie Montre: Jolie Montre offers fabulous and funky watches and purses. Jolie Montre can be found in Ira Jones Company, Showroom 1545.

La Perla Venezia: La Perla Venezia specializes in hand-blown Murano glass jewelry and can be found in Michele Levitt & Associates, Showroom 1566.

NOTE: Extensive gallery of new product images available. Please contact Claire Weingarden at 312.527.7790 or cweingarden@mmart.com for hi-res images.

BUYER AMENITIES:

Club Chicago, Suite 1465

Club Chicago is the Market's place for buyers to rest, relax and regroup during each shopping day. Drinks and snacks will be for sale during Happy Hour, 5-7 p.m., on Saturday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Club Chicago, The Chicago Market's buyers lounge, will be open 30 minutes prior to the open of Market and 30 minutes after Market closes each day.

Other buyer amenities include:

- \$10 parking during market (restrictions apply)
- One free lunch coupon valid at all food concession locations on show floors per registered attendee
- Free trolley service to and from participating hotels

For more information on Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc. (MMPI) or The Chicago Market: Living and Giving, please visit www.merchandisemart.com/giftandhome or call 800.677.6278 (MART).

SHOW HOURS:

Permanent Showrooms:

Friday, Jan. 19 – Wednesday, Jan. 24

9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 21, 9 a.m.–8 p.m. Showroom Event Nite

Thursday, Jan. 25, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Temporary Exhibits/Beckman's Handcrafted Gift Show:

Sunday, Jan. 21–Wednesday, Jan. 24

9 a.m.–6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

9 a.m.–3 p.m. (Floors 7 and 8)

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