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NATIONAL BRIDAL MARKET CHICAGO HOST STRONG MARKET

CHICAGO (April XX, 2009) – The National Bridal Market Chicago opened March 29 with nearly 130 exhibitors and attendance which was on par with the 2008 market; a solid showing in this turbulent economic market.

“At this time, buyers are interested in buying wisely, while still offering the very best to their customers,” said Susan McCullough, senior vice president of MMPI. “They understand that regardless of the economic climate weddings and proms will always happen and it’s important to capture their customers with the best names and latest trends.”

The three day market offered buyers from across the country an array of market events, including “The Magic of Bridal” Market Party and Fashion Show, which featured this year’s latest trends in all categories.

“This year designers and manufacturers helped to move the industry forward with trends that will make a difference,” said Susan Glick, vice president of MMPI. “Many of this year’s styles included the sheerest of fabrics; waist definition; sleeve, shoulder and neckline interest; the shine of silk and satin; color with gloss; the lure of lace and body conscious silhouettes.”

The National Bridal Market Chicago is the nation’s largest and longest-running bridal market. It features top manufacturers of bridal gowns, both moderate and designer, bridesmaid gowns and mother of the bride, flower girl, accessory, prom, quinceañera and special occasion resources.

The Market returns March XX-XX, 2010, to the Merchandise Mart, Chicago. For more information, visit www.nationalbridalmarket.com or call (800) 677-6278 (MART).

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