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**BEL CANTO DINING ROOM INTRODUCED BY  
MAGNUSSEN HOME AND CRISTINA FERRARE**

**HIGH POINT, N.C., APRIL 22, 2004** – Relaxed and elegant, Cristina Ferrare's new dining room collection can go either way. Some pieces are perfect for family meals while others are well suited for formal dinner parties.

Bel Canto from the Cristina Ferrare Home Collections by Magnussen Home Furnishings Inc., which will be appearing in stores across America later this year, is crafted of warm cherry veneers and solids with a clear, chestnut finish. Egg and dart moldings, inverted bell acanthus carved feet and antique bronze hardware with dusty wax hang-up, speak of Old World elegance. Accents of scrolled metal, Spanish emperador marble and rich chestnut leather add updated allure to the 45-piece collection.

"Bel Canto is comfortably elegant; it's warm and inviting," Ferrare says. "It is distinctive and graceful, but it is also totally functional, because women today are so busy and want to make life easier."

The 45-piece Bel Canto collection is infinitely versatile. "Gone are the days when the dining room was set aside for Thanksgiving or Grandma's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party," says

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Jeff Cook, president and chief executive officer of Magnussen Home. "People today use their dining rooms because they entertain at home more. They are looking for furniture that's formal enough for heirloom silver and crystal yet casual enough for paper plates and balloons."

### START WITH THE DINING TABLE

Among the Bel Canto dining room pieces are three distinctive dining tables.

The **Double Pedestal Table** (78"W x 46"D x 30"H) makes a formal statement with two solid wood turned pedestals accented with a flowing twisted ribbon design in an antique faux metal finish. The beautiful shaped top features select cherry veneers in a parquet pattern.

The **Round Pedestal Table** (58"D x 30"H) is perfect for family meals as well as formal entertaining. It features the same graceful ribbon treatment on a single pedestal with magnificent carved details beneath the bevel glass top.

The **Trestle Table** (76"W x 46"D x 30"H) has a distinctive metal base, with acanthus leaf overlays in an antique metal finish. The rectangular top boasts select cherry veneers in a parquet pattern.

A signature **China Cabinet** (81"W x 23"D x 87"H) features a breakfront with curved glass, a shaped top with egg and dart molding and top drawers lined with espresso colored felt. Two pull-out marble trays are perfect for serving hot dishes.

The **Bunching Curio China** (42"W x 18"D x 84"H) is multifunctional with a

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carved shaped top, shaped framed glass doors and carved acanthus leaf details. Used alone, it is a perfect display cabinet for the living room. Bunched in twos or threes, it makes an elegant china cabinet.

For a more casual setting, the **Open China** (58"W x 21"D x 88"H) features curved antique metal accents, a shaped crown top and inverted bell acanthus carved feet. As functional as it is charming, the piece includes wine bottle and stemware storage, a pull-out wood work surface and felt-lined drawers.

Other dining room pieces include a **Sideboard** (68"W x 21"D x 40"H) with graceful shaped doors and a Spanish Emperador marble top, a handsome **Dining Chair** (25"W x 26"D x 44"H) with chestnut leather seats and backs and nail head trim, and **Dining Chairs** (26"W x 27"D x 43"H) with an upholstered cameo back, an upholstered seat and fluted or cabriole carved legs.

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Magnussen Home Furnishings, Inc. designs, imports, and distributes medium- and upper-medium-priced occasional tables, accent furniture and case goods across all style categories for retailers around the world. The company brings more than 20 years of experience with offshore sourcing focused on quality control of state-of-the-art technology, workmanship, finishing and timely delivery. As a result, the Magnussen Express and Accents Express programs deliver products domestically within five working days to participating retailers in the United States and Canada.

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