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**THE VANDERBILT'S ENTERTAINING SPIRIT
INSPIRES THE CHÂTEAU DINING COLLECTION FROM MAGNUSSEN HOME**

HIGH POINT, N.C., OCT. 20, 2005 — The elegant dining room pieces in the Château Collection from Biltmore Estate For Your Home by Magnussen Home shown at the International Home Furnishings Market, Oct. 20 through 26, reflect the gracious entertaining style of America's largest private residence.

"George and Edith Vanderbilt were quintessential hosts," says Richard Olmeda, Magnussen Home executive vice president. "From the Christmas Eve celebration that marked the formal opening of Biltmore House in 1895, to countless grand dinner parties in the impressive banquet hall, the Vanderbilts enjoyed entertaining family and friends."

The Château Collection, inspired by the exquisite furnishings, architecture and details of Biltmore Estate, embodies the Vanderbilts' welcoming spirit. Classic European traditional silhouettes showcase exotic mahogany veneers in finishes ranging from deep caramel to golden honey. The collection exemplifies a rich sense of history in dining room pieces designed and scaled for today's modern lifestyles.

Four beautiful tables provide a variety of dining options. The ornate pedestals on the **Double Pedestal Dining Table** (80"W x 44"D x 31"H) were inspired by an elaborate

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fire screen in the North Tower Bedroom, while a book table in the Library inspired the elegant **Carved Dining Table** (78"W x 44"D x 31"H). A round beveled glass top adorns the **Round Dining Table** (54"D x 30"H) and the **Metal Casual Dining Table** (54"D x 31"H).

The **Host Arm and Side Chairs** (45"H) were inspired by a chair in the Library, while the urn carved backs of the **Carved Arm and Side Chairs** (41"H) were adapted from a neoclassical chair on display in the Watson Room.

A stunning **Buffet** (72"W x 22"D x 38"H), with an optional black marble top and drum ends that rotate for serving, was inspired by a piece in the Servants' Dining Room. Carved panel doors on the **Buffet Hutch** (70"W x 20"D x 90"H) were inspired by rich paneling in the Library, while the intricate beaded details were found elsewhere among Biltmore House's 60,000 objects.

Other highlights include the **Buffet with Bakers Rack** (72"W x 22"D x 84"H) and the **Carved Buffet** (68"W x 20"D x 40"H).

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The Biltmore Company owns and operates Biltmore Estate, the Inn on Biltmore Estate and Biltmore Estate Wine Company. Biltmore Estate For Your Home is part of Biltmore Estate Brands Group, the consumer products division of The Biltmore Company. Biltmore Estate For Your Home draws inspiration from the entertaining and hospitality extended to the Vanderbilts' guests at the turn of the 19th century. Licensed categories include home furnishings, decorative accessories, home textiles, specialty building supplies and home designs.

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