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**MAGNUSSEN HOME CHÂTEAU ACCENTS INSPIRED BY
THE RICH HISTORY OF THE BILTMORE ESTATE**

HIGH POINT, N.C., OCT. 20, 2005 – As beautifully versatile as your favorite piece of jewelry, the accent pieces in the new Château Collection from Biltmore Estate For Your Home by Magnussen Home introduced at the International Home Furnishings Market, Oct. 20 through 26, add personality throughout the house.

“Each of the Château accent pieces works wonderfully in multiple rooms of the home,” says Richard Olmeda, Magnussen Home executive vice president. “The Bookcase Sofa Table, for example, looks lovely in the library, in a hallway or even filled with cookbooks in a well-appointed kitchen.”

Inspired by the exquisite furnishings, architecture and details of Biltmore Estate, the accent pieces in the Château Collection feature classic European traditional styling. Graceful silhouettes showcase exotic mahogany veneers in finishes ranging from deep caramel to golden honey. Beautiful carvings and gilded accents add to the collection’s rich sense of history, while its scaling and functionality fit today’s modern lifestyles.

The **Bookcase Sofa Table** (56"W x 18"D x 34"H) is inspired by a handsome 19th century oak bookcase on display in the Biltmore Estate Billiard Room. The **Wine Storage Cabinet** (34"W x 19"D x 77"H), which accommodates 28 bottles as well as

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stemware, was inspired by the grillwork from the Otis elevator, the first ever installed in a residence in America. Other original furnishings that the Asheville, N.C. home also inspired include the **Carved Mirror** (35"W x 2"D x 42"H) and the **Gilded Mirror** (35"W x 2"D x 42"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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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. Magnussen Home licensing partners are Cristina Ferrare Home Collections, Carolyn Kinder For Magnussen Home and Biltmore Estate For Your Home by Magnussen Home.

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