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## J'ADORE DIOR – A CELEBRATION OF FASHION

Museum celebrates the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the House of Dior and its first collection.

CHICAGO (January 23, 2007) – The Costume Council of the Chicago Historical Society is hosting an evening of fashion, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and music on Friday, February 16. *J'adore Dior* will be held from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Chicago Room at the Chicago History Museum. This event is to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the House of Dior, and Christian Dior's first collection that debuted to the public in Paris on February 12, 1947.

The evening will entertain guests in high fashion. The exhibition, *Dior: The New Look*, will be open for viewing, as well as a unique opportunity to see vintage Dior pieces not included in the exhibition. Timothy Long, curator of the exhibition, and musician Stanley Paul will explore Paris in the 1950s. Celebrating the new Dior will be Saks Fifth Avenue showcasing their Dior spring 2007 collection.

This event could not have been possible without the generous support from **Mandarin Oriental Tower, Chicago**. One block north of Millennium Park, the Mandarin Oriental Tower, Chicago will include luxury condominiums and a hotel opening in 2009. The Costume Council would like to recognize and thank **Jean-Marc XO Vodka** for donating the alcohol that will be used in the featured drink, Diortini, and **Dior** for donating items from their cosmetic line as favors for guests' goody bags.

Tickets for the event are \$175, and for fashionistas 40 years and under the cost is \$125. Co-chairing the event are Costume Council members Bonnie Deutsch and Heather Farley. The Costume Council supports the Chicago History Museum in the documentation and interpretation of the history and the art of costume. Today the costume collection is one of the world's premiere collections with more than 50,000 pieces dating back to the 1750s. For reservations and additional information, please call 312.799.2116.

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The Chicago History Museum, a major museum and research center for Chicago and American history, is located at 1601 N. Clark Street. The Museum can be reached by CTA buses 11, 22, 36, 72, 151, and 156. Parking is conveniently located one block north of the Museum at Clark and LaSalle Streets (enter on Stockton Drive). Admission to the Museum is a suggested donation of \$12 adults, \$10 Seniors/Students, free for children 12 years and younger. General Admission is free on Mondays. Please call 312.642.4600 or visit us at [www.chicagohistory.org](http://www.chicagohistory.org). The Chicago History Museum is affiliated with the Chicago Historical Society and acknowledges the Chicago Park District's generous support of all the Museum's activities.