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MUSEUM'S COUTURE COLLECTION TRAVELS TO NYC Chic Chicago debuts at FIT then will come home in 2008

WHAT: The Chicago History Museum (CHM) in collaboration with the Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) will provide visitors a rare opportunity to see 50 of the greatest couture pieces from the Chicago History Museum's acclaimed collection of more than 22 million artifacts.

This is the first time a grouping of costume artifacts of this magnitude has traveled from the Museum. The couture pieces span from 1878 through 1996 by designers such as Gianni Versace, Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel, Jeanne Lanvin, Charles Frederick Worth, Comme des Garçons, and Charles James.

Curated jointly by Timothy Long, curator of costumes at CHM, and Dr. Valerie Steele, director and chief curator at the Museum at FIT, presents outstanding examples of clothing that reflect dynamic trends in art, history, and fashion.

WHEN: *Chic Chicago* will be on display at the Museum at FIT October 12, 2007 – January 5, 2008.

It will then travel back to Chicago and be on display at CHM starting in September 2008.

WHERE: The Museum at FIT, southwest corner of Seventh Avenue at 27th Street, New York.

Chicago History Museum, 1601 North Clark Street (Clark and North Avenue), Chicago.

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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. 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.

The Museum at FIT is located on the southwest corner of Seventh Avenue at 27th Street. Exhibition hours are Tuesday through Friday, noon to 8 pm; Saturday 10 am to 5pm; closed Sundays, Mondays, and legal holidays. Admission is free. For museum information call (212) 217-5800 or go to: www.fitnyc.edu/museum.