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Tory Burch and Gigi Mortimer.
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Antiques & Art at the Armory

NEW YORK, NY (December 4, 2008) – On Thursday, Dec. 4th, 2008 **Antiques & Art at the Armory**, the inaugural show for **AVENUE-Wendy Shows**, hosted a **Gala Benefit** for the **Yale Center for Dyslexia and Creativity**, founded by **Dr. Sally Shaywitz** and **Dr. Bennett Shaywitz**. The evening, which began with the unveiling of a special gallery installation at 5pm, followed by a cocktail reception from 6-8pm, raised significant funds for the newly opened research center and showcased the diverse collections from over 70 dealers featured in **Antiques & Arts at the Armory**.

Committee co-chairs for the benefit were **Claude Wasserstein, Julie Dannenberg, Richard & Marcia Mishaan** and **Sally Shaywitz, MD**, who kicked off the evening with an unveiling of **30 Years of AVENUE Icons**, a special gallery installation featuring the images of some of NYC's most powerful as they have appeared in **AVENUE Magazine**, including **Martha Stewart, Marc Jacobs, Isaac Mizrahi, Donald Trump, Georgina Chapman, Jann Wenner, Amy Sacco** and **Richard Johnson**.

The celebration continued until after 8pm as guests including **Jackie Astier, Elbi Askins Balan, Dennis Basso, Anait Bian, Janna Bullock, Tory Burch, Wendy Carduner, Georgina Chapman, Jodie and Diane Fanelli, Somers and Jonathan Farkas, Fe and Alessandro Fendi, Mark Gilbertson, Frances Hayward, Harry Heissmann, Harriette Rose Katz, Lisa Jackson, Michele Gerber Klein, Rona Landman, Liz Lange, Bentley Meeker, Nicole Miller, Gigi Mortimer, Patti Smyth, Gillian and Sylvester Minitzer, Audrey and Albert Ratner, Patti Raynes, Shlomi Reuveni, Sessa von Richthofen, Elaine Sargent, Alvin Valley and Jeani Ziering**, mingled over cocktails and perused the booths of over 70 dealers specializing in high quality art and antiques ranging from the 17th century until present day, including **AJ Gallery, Callan Fine Art, Drucker Antiques, Fleur, Damiani, Guy Regal LTD, Derek & Tina Rayment Antiques, Lee Gallery Inc. Studio** and **Richard Mishaan Design Design/Homer**.

Sponsors for the Gala included **Sotheby's, Great Performances** catering, **MH Art and Framing, Ayala Champagne,** and **Dawn Melanie Designs LLC.** The **Yale Center for Dyslexia & Creativity** leverages the power and authority of modern science to transform dyslexia from a liability to an asset so that strengths rather than weaknesses define the dyslexic child. The Center's mission includes changing attitudes and policies along with approaches to identification, remediation and accommodations for dyslexia. To learn more about the **Yale Center for Dyslexia and Creativity** please visit them on the web at www.dyslexia.yale.edu