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Nordstrom Gala Tickets on Sale Today

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Event to Benefit Three Local Charities

SEATTLE, Nov. 27 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Nordstrom, Inc. will open its first full-line store in Hawaii at Ala Moana Center on Friday, March 7 at 9:30 a.m. To celebrate this long-awaited opening, Nordstrom will host an evening gala on Wednesday, March 5, 2008. Tickets for the event go on sale today.

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The fashionable fete will benefit three local Hawaii charities including the Bishop Museum, Hawaii Theatre Center and HUGS (Help, Understanding & Group Support). "We've been serving customers in Hawaii for over 40 years and we are thrilled to open our first full-line store in the islands," said Brian Tatsumura, store manager for Nordstrom Ala Moana Center. "We are proud to partner with three outstanding charities to support children and Hawaiian culture."

Guests will enjoy lavish pupus, cocktails and buffets, live entertainment and the opportunity to do some "sneak preview" shopping. Catering for the evening will be facilitated by Current Affairs featuring culinary selections from Chef Chai Chaowasaree, Chef Donato Loperfido and Chef Philippe Padovani as well as desserts from La Palme D'Or. The highlight of the evening will be a tented, full-scale runway fashion show featuring American and European designer collections including Tory Burch, 3.1 Phillip Lim and Roberto Cavalli to name a few. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. The event, entirely underwritten by Nordstrom, is expected to raise \$300,000 to be shared equally by the three organizations. Tickets for the opening gala are \$150 per person.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, please call the Hawaii Theatre Center at (808)723-1879.

The mission of Bishop Museum is to study, preserve, and tell the stories of the natural and cultural history of Hawaii and the Pacific. Bishop Museum is recognized as the principal museum of the Pacific, housing the world's largest collection of Hawaiian and Pacific artifacts and natural history specimens. For more information visit <http://www.bishopmuseum.org> or call (808) 847-3511.

The Hawaii Theatre Center was established in 1984 as a private nonprofit organization to restore and operate the historic Hawaii Theatre as a multi-purpose performance facility for artistic, cultural, entertainment and educational events and to promote the redevelopment of the downtown Honolulu/Chinatown area. Listed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places, the 1,400-seat Hawaii Theatre was recognized by the League of Historic American Theatre as the 2005 Outstanding Historic Theatre in America. In 2006, the organization received a National Preservation Honor Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The Theatre celebrated its 85th anniversary in September, 2007.

HUGS (an acronym for Help, Understanding & Group Support) is a non-profit agency, unique to Hawaii, whose mission is to provide a wide variety of free support services to families across the state, who have a child, birth to age 21, diagnosed as having a life-threatening illness or a medically fragile condition. HUGS serves the entire family by facilitating peer interaction at family gatherings and coordinating volunteers who provide family support, hospital visits, and respite care. The agency is a common link in the state of Hawaii for families experiencing similar problems as a result of their child's illness. On any given day, HUGS serves approximately 150 families across the state. HUGS has supported Hawaii's seriously ill children and their families free of charge for more than 25 years.

Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 157 stores located in 28 states. Founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, today Nordstrom operates 101 Full-Line Stores, 51 Nordstrom Racks, two Jeffrey boutiques, one freestanding shoe store and two clearance stores. Nordstrom also serves customers through its online presence at <http://www.nordstrom.com> and through its catalogs. Nordstrom, Inc. is publicly traded on the NYSE under the symbol JWN.

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