



January 19, 2006

## GOLDEN GLOBES GIFT BOX INCLUDES LAPSON BAG

It is the handbag seen around Hollywood and on the arms of the *Desperate Housewives*. Now, the Italian leather handbag created by local designer Charlie Lapson will be featured in the \$62,000 gift box of items to be bestowed upon presenters at the Golden Globes.

Lapson's handbag was hand-selected by members of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association from among hundreds of items submitted by designers, manufacturers and suppliers. Inclusion in the lavish gift box is considered to be a time-honored rite of passage and is a much sought-after spot of recognition and acknowledgement.

With a retail value of \$800, the caramel/rust-colored handbag is crafted from the finest leather from Tuscany, Italy, personally selected by Lapson. Artisans create the rich texture of the leather by painting and embossing each skin individually. Particular attention is given to the details on each handbag, with elegant hardware complementing the patterned leather.

Lapson's handbags, jewelry, and clothing designs have an A-list following and have been seen on the red carpet at the Academy Awards, the Emmys, and last year's Golden Globe Awards ceremonies. Nominee Felicity Huffman (TV's *Desperate Housewives*) was dazzling from head to wrist with diamond-studded jewelry by Charlie Lapson at the 2005 Golden Globes, as well as when she accepted her Emmy last fall. Castmates Eva Longoria, Teri Hatcher, Marcia Cross, and Nicolette Sheridan also are often seen sport-

ing Lapson's unique designs.

Through the years, Lapson has created elegant handbags, jewelry, and clothing for his celebrity fan base, which includes Jennifer Aniston, Madonna, Nicole Kidman, Debra Messing, Jennifer Garner, Sharon Stone, Paula Abdul, Megan Mullally, Sharon Stone, Jamie Foxx, and Jessica Alba.

Lapson is a native of New York, and calls Hollywood, New York, and Miami home. A talented designer and stylist, he has captured the art of merging masterful design with individual personality to become one of the most sought-after consultants in the entertainment and fashion industries. He views each creation as a blank canvas, a personalized work of art. Color, texture, and shape are the hallmarks of Lapson's collections, which together make a bold statement.

