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### **Las Vegas Premier of Mackay Silver Collection**

LAS VEGAS -- The Las Vegas premiere showing of the world famous Mackay Silver Collection will take place Saturday, October 8 during the University of Nevada School of Medicine's silver anniversary gala at the Las Vegas Hilton.

The \$2.5 million collection was commissioned by John W. Mackay in 1876 and designed by Tiffany's in New York from silver mined in Virginia City, Nevada. In 1959, the Mackay's grandson, John W. Mackay, donated 58 pieces of the Mackay silver to the University of Nevada.

Pieces premiering at the gala are a pair of candelabra, each using 29 candles and standing 36 inches high. On display will also be a pair of cigar smoker stands, with four removable lamps on each stand. In addition, giant tureens and champagne coolers will be featured. The Mackay Silver Collection will be part of the evening's decor and available for viewing by the guests attending the gala. Media interested in attending can contact Marie Pearce at 383-2638 to make arrangements for access to the silver assemblage.