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JA Chairman Among Jewelers Honored At NYSJA/*National Jeweler* Awards Dinner

*The New York State Jewelers Association, in Conjunction with National Jeweler magazine,
Honored Industry Leaders at Annual Awards Gala*

New York, NY – Jewelers of America, the national association for retail jewelers, has announced that its Board Chairman John Cohen and Vice-Chair Georgie Gleim were honored at the New York State Jewelers Association and *National Jeweler's* annual Awards Gala on Saturday, July 29.

More than 250 jewelry professionals attended the awards dinner, held at the Ritz-Carlton Battery Park in New York City. The event – which is hosted by NYSJA in conjunction with *National Jeweler* magazine – featured a silent auction, dinner and awards presentation.

National Jeweler inducted JA Chairman John Cohen into its Retail Hall of Fame in the Majors category for his store, Carlyle & Co, Greensboro, NC. JA Vice-Chair Georgie Gleim also received recognition for Gleim the Jeweler, Palo Alto, CA, in the Multi-Store, Independent category. Other 2006 Hall of Fame inductees include Bill Sites of Sites Jewelers, Clarksville, TN, in the Single-Store, Independent category and Andy Johnson of Ohio-based The Diamond Cellar, another Multi-Store Independent category honoree.

The NYSJA presented awards to Rosanna Doherty of Cartier for Favorite Watch Sales

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Representative; Stefani Zaidman of David Yurman for Favorite Jewelry Sales Representative; Georgia Fleming of *Veranda Magazine* for Favorite Advertising Representative. Tourneau received the award for Favorite Jewelry Store.

NYSJA also presented a generous donation to the Jewelers for Children charity.

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The New York State Jewelers Association (NYSJA) promotes and protects the welfare of jewelers in New York State. With over 700 members, the NYSJA represents the top retailers, designers, suppliers and manufacturers in New York. For more information, visit www.newyorkjewelers.org.

Jewelers of America is the national trade association for retail jewelers. With over 10,000 member stores, JA also works locally through its 40 state and regional affiliates. JA advocates high social, ethical, and environmental standards, promotes professional business and leadership skills, and enhances its members' profitability by offering education, certification, marketing and cost-saving programs. For more information, visit www.jewelers.org.

Image Captions:

NYSJA_300dpi: The New York State Jewelers Association honored their 2006 regional "favorites" in July. From left to right: Rosanna Doherty of Cartier, David Wexler of Tourneau, Stefani Zaidman of David Yurman, NYSJA First Vice President Jeffrey Fina of Michael C. Fina, Georgia Fleming of *Veranda*, and NYSJA President Joel Kopel of William Barthman.

NYSJAawards2006_300dpi: *National Jeweler* Retailer Hall of Fame inductees (L-R): Andy Johnson of The Diamond Cellar, Bill Sites of Sites Jewelers, Georgie Gleim of Gleim the Jeweler, and John Cohen of Carlyle & Co.

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