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## **Revere Announces Mort Abelson Scholarship Winner**

San Francisco's Revere Academy of Jewelry Arts recently awarded its fourth Mort Abelson Scholarship to Sarah Chapman of Chicago, Illinois for its upcoming International Masters Symposium in April, 2012. Sarah will be attending the five-day class, *Catches, Mechanisms and Findings* with Charles Lewton Brain. "I can't tell you how much this opportunity means to me. I was so overwhelmed when I learned that I was the winner, it was difficult to choose which class to take. All of the Masters Symposium classes all look amazing! I'm so grateful, and I look forward to meeting Alan Revere, and the rest of the community at Revere."

The call for applications drew 32 entries from the United States and Canada. Applicants were asked to submit work that demonstrated a cohesive body of work that had not yet been exhibited at a major jewelry show. Jurors Alan Revere and Cindy Edelstein, of the Jeweler's Resource Bureau selected Ms. Chapman because her work displays original, innovative, high quality jewelry design. Alan Revere stated, "The scholarship contest attracted a large number of very qualified applicants this year. Deciding and selecting just one winner was difficult."

The contest honors Mort Abelson, who was instrumental in raising the awareness of jewelry design and promoting jewelry designers in the U.S. This unique scholarship was funded by designers, for designers. At a gathering in 2007 to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the New Designer Gallery, an auction was held to raise funds to honor Mort. Over 50 past participants of the New Designer Gallery and other jewelry artists donated a piece of their work to be auctioned, with the proceeds used for the scholarship. The artists/donors all wanted to acknowledge and thank Mort for his support in a way that perpetuates his energy

and insight and helps up-and-coming jewelry designers. By paying back with their own creations, these generous artists are completing the circle and are paving the way for the next generation of jewelry designers.

The scholarship is applicable to the Academy's annual International Masters Symposium in April. For three weeks, prominent jewelry artists, designers, craftsman and experts converge on San Francisco to teach professional skills and techniques in the area of their greatest expertise. The upcoming event has an impressive celebrity lineup. In addition to Catches, Findings & Mechanisms, Charles Lewton Brain will teach Fold Forming. Master Goldsmiths, and other experts, Michael Boyd, Andy Cooperman, Tom Herman, Davide Bigazzi, Jayne Redman, and Harriete Estel Berman will also share their knowledge with students at Revere.

The Revere Academy of Jewelry Arts is located in San Francisco's historic jewelry center, the Phelan Building. Schedules, information and a free video tour are available online, or upon request from the Revere Academy of Jewelry Arts, 760 Market Street, Suite 900, San Francisco, CA 94102. Tel: 415-391-4179  
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