

**THE WASHINGTON DESIGN CENTER ANNOUNCES 2008 FALL DESIGN HOUSE
OPENING DATE, TITLE AND THEME**

WHAT: The Washington Design Center is proud to present its milestone 24th presentation of the Design House, entitled “*Casa Couture*”. The Fall 2008 Design House, residing within the Washington Design Center, provides lifestyle-conscious consumers an entrée into the world of high-end home décor. The theme, *Designers in Vogue*, features 8 sensational rooms, each inspired by interior design trends from across the globe. A sampling of this year’s talented designers includes Emily Bishop of Emily Bishop Interior Design, Michelle Miller of Baltimore’s Jenkins Baer Associates, Michelle Pilon of Michelle Pilon Interiors and Tammi Hatch and Pattie Gunter of Gunter Hatch.

WHEN: September 26 – December 13: Open to the Public
September 18 – Press Preview
September 25 – Opening Party
October 18 – Consumer Day

HOURS: Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

SPONSOR: Washingtonian Magazine

WHERE: The Washington Design Center
300 D Street SW
Washington D.C.
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ADMISSION: Free from September 26 – December 13

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About The Washington Design Center

Dedicated to providing the finest in home furnishings to the design trade, The Washington Design Center houses over 60 wholesale residential, commercial and building products showrooms. Considered the mid-Atlantic region’s largest resource and destination for the design industry, The Washington Design Center works closely with designers to guarantee consumers the best possible luxury shopping experience.

The Washington Design Center is located at 300 D Street, SW in Washington, DC. Above the Federal Center SW Metro Station, The Washington Design Center is served by the Orange and Blue lines.

To learn more about the Fall Design House, The Washington Design Center and its showrooms, programs and special events, call 202.646.6100 or visit the Design Center online at www.dcdesigncenter.com.

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