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**THE WASHINGTON DESIGN CENTER HOSTS
2010 DESIGN HOUSE OPENING BLACK TIE GALA PREVIEW PARTY
May 20, 2010**

WHAT: The Washington Design Center is proud to debut its brand-new Design House. The Halls of Fame Design House will be unveiled at a black tie gala on May 20th and will close December 4th. The gala event will feature entertainment by a Frank Sinatra Swing Band, cocktails, a delicious dinner buffet and tours of the 2010 Design House.

The Design House, **newly rebuilt on the 5th floor of The Washington Design Center**, provides lifestyle-conscious consumers an entrée into the world of high-end home décor. The 2010 Design House will truly celebrate local designers, with each room in the house designed by a WDC Hall of Fame Designer.

WHO: Foyer / Lobby – Kelley Proxmire, Kelley Proxmire Design
Portico – Frank Babb Randolph, Frank Babb Randolph Interior Design
Dining Room – Victor Shargai, Victor Shargai and Associates, Inc.
Living Room – David Herchik, JDS Designs, Inc.
Family Room - Rita St. Clair, Rita St. Clair Associates, Inc.
Library / Study – Nestor Santa-Cruz, Gensler
Garden / Terrace – Michael Roberson, Michael Roberson Interior Design
Master Bedroom – Theo Adamstein & Olivia Demetriou, Adamstein & Demetriou

WHEN: Tuesday, May 18 – Press Preview
Thursday, May 20 – Opening Black Tie Gala
Friday, May 21 – Design House opens to the public
Saturday, December 4 – Design House closes

HOURS: Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

WHERE: The Washington Design Center
300 D Street SW
Washington D.C.
202.646.6100

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ADMISSION: Tickets for the gala event are \$50. To order, please visit
<http://www.dcdesigncenter.com/2010springdesignhouse/> or call 202.646.6114.

WEBSITE: www.dcdesigncenter.com/designhouse/

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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