

## The 2009 ICON Award Finalists

**THE ICON AWARDS GALA**, sponsored by *Confetti* magazine, honors the best and brightest professionals in the special events industry. Since 1999, individuals and companies involved in the production of special events in Colorado have been invited to submit entries of their most outstanding achievements during a specified period of time. The entries for 2009 were then considered by judges in Aspen—David O. Marlow, David O. Marlow Photography; Jill St. John, actress; and Peter Helburn, Just Ask Peter + Company, Aspen event planner—who chose the finalists based on creativity, originality and overall integration of elements and execution of an event or service. • Mark your calendar today for the 10th annual ICON Awards Gala slated for Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Donald R. Seawell Grand Ballroom in the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. This year's gala, where the winners will be announced, features the theme "An Evening of Excess" and is sure to impress. Congratulations to all the finalists, and we look forward to saluting them at the 2009 Gala!

### **BEST OVERALL EVENT OVER \$75,000**

Epicurean Catering: Pirates of the Caribbean  
Affair with Flair: Steph and Sam's Wedding  
Destination Services: Starlight Saloon

### **BEST OVERALL EVENT UNDER \$75,000**

Three Tomatoes Catering: Cultural Fusion  
Amy Toltz-Miller Special Events: Diamonds Are a  
Girl's Best Friend  
Epicurean Catering: Castle Wedding

### **BEST EVENT PRODUCED FOR A CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION**

Three Tomatoes Catering: Cultural Fusion  
Destination Services: Starlight Saloon  
Epicurean Catering: Pirates of the Caribbean

### **BEST SOCIAL EVENT PRODUCED FOR AN INDIVIDUAL**

Nancy Snell Events: A 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration  
Walli Richardson Special Events Design: "Oh the Places Elise  
Will Go" Bat Mitzvah  
\* Dance Trax Entertainment: "Oh the Places Elise Will Go"  
Bat Mitzvah  
Walli Richardson Special Events Design: Hannah's Derby

### **BEST EVENT PRODUCED FOR A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

Three Tomatoes Catering: Mardi Gras Charity Ball  
Three Tomatoes Catering: Star Power Gala  
Alisa Zapiler, Creative Events & Occasions: Booklovers  
Ball—The Elements

### **BEST WEDDING OVER \$75,000**

Black & White Productions: Abromeit/Morgensen Wedding  
Affair with Flair: Steph and Sam's Wedding  
Walli Richardson Special Events Design: Bella Sera di  
Amore (A Triple Treat)

### **BEST WEDDING UNDER \$75,000**

Design Works by dave and mike: A Modern  
Garden Wedding  
Nancy Chase Weddings & Celebrations: A Modern Classic  
Sapphire Celebrations: Snowflakes & Candelight

### **BEST ACHIEVEMENT IN TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

Starkey Productions: SkyRidge Medical Awards  
Refelctions in Video Productions: Altman/Miller Wedding  
Starkey Productions: Blue Cross/Blue Shield Awards

### **BEST ENTERTAINMENT CONCEPT AND EXECUTION**

Colorado Event Organizers: Be a Rockstar  
\* Dance Trax Entertainment: "Oh the Places Elise Will  
Go" Bat Mitzvah  
\* Dance Trax Entertainment: "Sesserman Ranch" B'nei Mitzvah

### **BEST DECORATING DESIGN**

Design Works by dave and mike: Jody Brook's Wedding  
Design Works by dave and mike: Marie Antoinette's Maxe  
T'DA Design: M.A.S.H Bash

### **BEST FLORAL DESIGN**

Design Works by dave and mike: Opening Night  
Newberry Brothers Greenhouse & Florist: Mooney/  
Robertson Wedding  
Newberry Brothers Greenhouse & Florist: Pugh/Clore  
Wedding Weekend

### **BEST FOOD PRESENTATION AT AN EVENT**

Epicurean Catering: Pirates of the Caribbean  
Epicurean Catering: Taste of South Africa  
Three Tomatoes Catering: MCA Star Power Gala

### **BEST INVITATION**

Inscriptions, Inc.: Juicy News  
JS Design: Gage/Boyle Wedding  
Let's Party: Frank Wedding

### **BEST PHOTOGRAPHY**

Lynda Hanshaw Photography: Brooks/Allen Wedding  
Andrew Clark Photography: Mooney/Robertson Wedding  
A Photo Opportunity: Destination Breckenridge