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***MASTERPIECE INTERIORS' CHRISTY SCANLON JUDGES
NATIONAL 'BALA' DESIGN COMPETITION IN CHICAGO***

WINTER PARK, FL – Masterpiece Interiors' COO *Christy Scanlon*, whose full-service Winter Park design firm has earned its share of award-winning designs over the years, was part of the judging committee for the **2008 Best In American Living Award (BALA)** design competition held last month (August) in Oak Brook, IL, just outside of Chicago.

Scanlon was part of an elite panel of industry experts from around the country selected to judge the latest design trends by builders, architects, designers, developers, land planners and interior designers.

The annual event – which celebrated its 25th silver anniversary – was sponsored by the **National Association of Home Builders** and **Professional Builder** Magazine and is considered by many to be one of the building industry's premier and most popular showcases because of the exciting design trends that are on display.

Professional Builder selected Scanlon because of the 10-year-old company's reputation as one of Florida's leading design firms and the nearly two dozen design awards it has garnered over the years, including design work for four 2008 Parade of Homes winners.

"It's a great honor to be a part of such a prestigious event," says Scanlon. "This was an entirely different eye-opening experience for me. Instead of my work being judged, I was in the position of doing the judging."

BALA is open to builders, architects, designers, developers, land planners and interior designers nationwide. Only homes built for sale or completed between May 1, 2007 and July 15, 2008 were eligible for this year's competition.

Masterpiece Interiors, which celebrated its 10th anniversary earlier this year, is one of the state's leading multi-faceted design firms with clients located throughout Orlando, Tampa, Sarasota-Bradenton, Jacksonville and South Florida.

The company's current roster of Model Merchandising and Resort/Hospitality clients include **Engle Homes, Neal Communities** (Sarasota), **Lennar Homes, Park Square Homes, Ryland Homes, Imperial Homes** (Naples and Orlando), **Mobley Homes** ((Tampa), **Royal Custom Homes, McNally Homes**, and **Ginn's Reunion Resort**.