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LOCAL WEDDING PLANNER NAMED FINALIST FOR 2007 GALA AWARD

EDMOND, Okla. - Local wedding planner, Robyn Martin, has been named a finalist for the prestigious Gala Awards. She is one of three finalists for “The Best Wedding of 2007” category.

The Gala Awards have been given by Special Events Magazine, the premier industry publication, since 1986. The publication recognizes the finest work in special events worldwide.

For the 2007 Gala Awards, the magazine received 330 entries in 35 categories from Canada, China, Denmark, England, France Germany, India, Ireland, Jamaica, Mexico, Spain, United Arab Emirates and the United States.

Members of the Special Events Magazine Advisory Board made up of leaders in the event profession; spent three days in October at the magazine’s offices in Pacific Palisades, California, to select the finalist events. Nominated entries went through three rounds of judging.

The Special Events Magazine Advisory Board will select the winners during The Special Event 2008 Conference, Jan. 15-18 in Atlanta. The Gala Awards will be presented on Jan. 18 at a black-tie gala ceremony.

Martin, a Professional Bridal Consultant™, is the Owner of Edmond-based The Wedding Belle.

The Wedding Belle offers premier services from full wedding production consulting, planning and directing to wedding day-only services.

“There is a difference between cost and value and impact does not have to be expensive. The Wedding Belle provides concierge service and assistance to brides who recognize the importance of having a professional organize, supervise and direct every aspect of their wedding,” said Robyn Martin, owner of The Wedding Belle.

An Association of Bridal Consultants (ABC) member since 2004, Martin is a Distinguished Graduate of ABC’s Professional Development Program. She also is a charter member and secretary of The Edmond Wedding Society.

A Texas Christian University graduate, Martin has more than 30 years of experience in planning, consulting and coordinating events.

For more information on Gala Awards, visit <http://www.thespecialeventshow.com>.

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