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**Dallas Market Center and the Accessories Resource Team
Announce Finalists for 19th Annual ARTS Awards**
– *Finalists will be honored during premier awards gala* –

DALLAS – August XX, 2007 – Dallas Market Center, the world’s largest wholesale resource, and the Accessories Resource Team (ART) today announced finalists for the 19th Annual ARTS Awards.

The ARTS Awards is the premier awards program for the home decorative accessories industry. The awards are presented during a gala event each January during Dallas Market Center’s Total Home & Gift Market (January 16 – 22). This year’s gala will take place on Saturday, January 19, 2008 in The Grand Pavilion at the Trade Mart.

“We would like to congratulate the finalists for this year’s ARTS Awards,” said Bill Winsor, President and CEO, Dallas Market Center. “It is an honor to celebrate the dedication, creativity and talent of these outstanding manufacturers, retailers, product designers and sales reps.”

The finalists will submit a detailed portfolio to a panel of distinguished judges previously announced, including Janace Clarke (Texas Christian University), Kelly Ryan Kegans (*Better Homes & Gardens*), Kristin Langerak DeMesse (Winterthur Museum & Country Estate), Cheryl A. Van Duyne (ASID Interior Designer) and Edward Walker (*Trading Spaces*, TLC). The portfolios will consist of information including company history, philosophy, product development, marketing, merchandising and customer relations. In November, the panel of judges will convene in Dallas for two days to individually review each company’s submission. Once judging is completed, a designated accounting firm will tabulate and secure the ballots until the winners are announced in January.

The 19th Annual ARTS Awards are co-sponsored by: *Accessory Merchandising, Contract Lighting, FurnitureStyle, Gifts & Decorative Accessories, HFN, Home Accents Today, Home Fashion & Furniture Trends, Home Lighting & Accessories* and *Residential Lighting*.

For tickets to the ARTS Awards gala contact Sara MacDonald at 214-655-7635 or smacdonald@dmcmail.com.

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Make plans now to attend the January Total Home & Gift Market, January 16 – 22 in Dallas. Attendees may contact the Dallas Market Center's in-house travel agency, MarketTravel™, for substantial travel and hotel discounts by calling 1-800-DAL-MKTS.

19th ARTS Awards Finalists

Manufacturers

Accent Furniture

Four Hands
Guildmaster
Raquel's Collection, Inc.

Area Rugs

Feizy Rugs
Loloi Rugs
Shaw Living

Decorative Accessories

Castilian Trading, Inc.
Global Views
IMAX
The Phillips Collection
Vintage Imports

Home Textiles

Bella Rose by Chateau
Etoffe Makara
Mystic Valley Traders, LLC

Lighting Fixtures

Arteriors Home
Fine Art Lamps
Golden Lighting
Savoy House Lighting
Visual Comfort

Outdoor Living

Emissary
Ficks Reed
Napa Home & Garden
Oasis Outdoor Furnishings, Inc.
Seasonal Living Trading

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Permanent Floral

Maxton Manufacturing Co.
NDI
Sia Home Fashion

Portable Lamps

Design Source
Gallery Designs
Oriental Accent, Inc.
Pacific Coast Lighting
Vintage Verandah

Tabletop

Beatriz Ball
Franz Collection, Inc.
Juliska

Wall Décor

Art Dreams Home
CAS
Decorative Arts Inc.
Paragon
Roma Moulding

Retailers

East/Atlantic

Furniture Store

Abizaks
At Home Nashville
Boyles Furniture

Home Accent Specialty Store

24e.
Accessories Etc.
Celadon Home

Lighting Showroom

Charleston Lighting & Interiors
Home Design Center
Southern Lighting Gallery

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Midwest/Southwest

Furniture Store

Alyson Jon Interiors
Drexel Heritage
McManus Company

Home Accent Specialty Store

D'Hierro
Signed Sealed Delivered
The Home Accessory Co.

Lighting Showroom

Madison Lighting, Ltd.
Metro Lighting

West

Furniture Store

C.S. Wo & Sons
Zinc Details

Home Accent Specialty Store

Camille's Collection
Moses at Home
Unique Interior Design

Lighting Showroom

Five Rivers Inc.
Robinson Lighting & Bath Centre
Sun Lighting

Product Designers

Johnny Ho, Franz Collection, Inc.
Kathleen Koszyk, Art Dreams Home
Kathy Imes, Lauren Brooks
Mike Sandel, Guildmaster
Thierry Adam, Fine Art Lamps

Rising Star Retailers

Culinary Connection
Gabrielle
Leon & Lulu
MOTIF Modern Living
Needless Necessities, LLC

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Sales Reps

East/Atlantic

Katherine McMullan, j douglas
Richards St. Pierre, Richard Enterprises, Inc.
Russ Jones, OneCoast Northeast Home

Midwest/Southwest

Amber Leone, Codarus
Jacquie Harlow, OneCoast Southwest Home
Joshua McDowell, JM Group

West

Cathy Scileny, OneCoast West Home
John Ruege, John Ruege
Tom Wright, Liteforce Sales

About the ARTS Awards

The ARTS Awards is the premiere awards program dedicated to the home decorative accessories industry. Twenty-six categories exist under the headings Manufacturer, Retailer, Product Designer, Sales Representative, Rising Star, Academy of Achievement and Hall of Fame. Manufacturers and the Rising Star award are nominated by retailers, sales representatives, designers, suppliers, consultants and other industry officials. Sales representatives are nominated by manufacturers, retailers and other industry officials. Product designers are nominated by all. The Academy of Achievement and Hall of Fame awards are selected by the judging committee. Companies that have won the ARTS Awards five or more times will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Charter members are: Distinctive Designs International Inc., Fine Art Lamps, Montage, Natural Decorations Inc. and Robb & Stucky.

About the Accessories Resource Team

The Accessories Resource Team (ART) is the association representing accessory manufacturers, retailers, representatives and other industry individuals and companies interested in promoting the decorative home accessories industry. The association's goal is to enhance the market position of decorative home accessories. Each year ART sponsors programs such as the ART conference, regional educational seminars and the ARTS Awards. The Accessories Resource Team Web site is available at www.accessoriesresourceteam.org.

About Dallas Market Center

Founded in 1957, Dallas Market Center is the world's largest wholesale merchandise resource. Within its marketplace of more than five million square feet, retailers from around the globe source products ranging from home furnishings, gifts, decorative accessories and lighting to textiles, fashion accessories and men's, western, women's and children's apparel. With more than 50 markets each year attended by more than 200,000 retail buyers from all 50 states and 84 countries, Dallas Market Center offers hundreds of events and seminars geared toward helping retailers expand business and increase profits. As a result, more than \$7.5 billion in estimated wholesale transactions are conducted annually within the Dallas Market Center complex. The Dallas Market Center Web site is available at www.dallasmarketcenter.com.

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