

Travis-Lee Moore of Functions Creative Event Services Captures Top Fantasy Table Design

A Palette of Tangerine Becomes Dining Dream at National Fantasy Table Competition at NACE Convention. Winner, Travis-Lee Moore Takes Home \$10,000 in advertising from weddingchannel.com and theknot.com

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Washington, D.C./Dallas, TX/ Baltimore, MD -- From the catwalk to the table, orange is the new black – or at least it was when it captured the top spot in the Fantasy Table Design showcase at the National Association of Catering Executives (NACE) convention in Philadelphia.

Creative Director of Functions Creative Event Services, Travis-Lee Moore, CPCE, wowed celebrity event judges Mindy Weiss, event planner to the stars, Christa Vagnozzi, Editor of Wedding Channel.com and Walter Scheib, former White House Executive Chef with his modern presentation with a fantasy tablescape entitled “Scitrus Supper Soiree.”

Part of the annual NACE convention, the competition entitled Fantasy Table Design Showcase was held at the Wedding Luncheon in the Crystal Tea Room in the historic Wannamaker Building with more than 700 attendees from the industry. Design contestants were asked to choose one of three themes – organic, modern or vintage. Each table was required to be set for a minimum of two but no more than six place settings.

“I chose to go with ‘modern’ theme because I felt it would be a stand out -- no one else embraced that theme,” says Moore. “The table was industrial chic with non-traditional elements – and lots of tangerine and orange!”

Eight top designers from around the country participated in the Fantasy Table Design competition.

“All of the designs in the Fantasy Table Competition at Experience! 2008 were exceptional and showcased the talents of the attendees,” says Daniel Briones, CPCE, President of the National Association of Catering Executives.

“The judges felt that the design by Travis-Lee Moore and Functions Creative Event Services raised the bar on how to create high-impact settings for exceptional events.”

“It is important when you execute table top designs to understand that they still need to be realistic,” says Moore. “Guests need to see across the table to their dinner companions – enormous floral designs that dwarf diners who can’t see around them are not only distracting, but you cannot appreciate how beautiful the dinner experience really can be.”

The winner of the competition receives \$10,000 in print and Internet advertising by TheKnot.com and weddingchannel.com.

Functions Creative Events Services operates out of Washington, D.C. and Baltimore along the East Coast and throughout Texas including the cities of Dallas and Austin. Travis-Lee Moore has been designing and delighting clients from the southwest to the East Coast for twenty-three years as a producer, decorator, event designer and chef. His keen sense of style, color and light – and their relationship to a client’s special event and their culinary experiences is his signature. From Austin law firms and corporations to Capitol Hill and Smithsonian events, weddings and private functions on Embassy Row, Baltimore’s Walters and Visionary Art museums and everywhere in between.

Functions Creative Events Services creates spectacular, memorable event environments.

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