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LISA ANN WALTER TO HOST SIXTH ANNUAL LOS ANGELES ORGANIZING AWARDS

The actor, comedian, producer, and judge on Oxygen's *Dance Your Ass Off* will host the event that recognizes and honors the best of the best, and celebrates an industry of people, products and services that help create a more organized and more productive life.

LOS ANGELES, CA (December 17, 2010) — The National Association of Professional Organizers -- Los Angeles Chapter (NAPO-LA) along with Presenting Sponsor OfficeMax[®] (NYSE: OMX) is proud to announce that the celebrity host for the sixth annual Los Angeles Organizing Awards show will be the multitalented Lisa Ann Walter (*Dance Your Ass Off*). Walter will bring her wit and enthusiasm to the event, which annually honors the best in the organizing industry. Voting is ongoing to select the recipients of the 2011 Los Angeles Organizing Awards, to be held January 29, 2011, at the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Universal City (Los Angeles), California.

Lisa Ann Walter is known to audiences for her warm and funny performances in such films as *The Parent Trap*, *Bruce Almighty*, *Shall We Dance*, and 2010's *Killers*. She most recently brought her love of dance to television to create the Oxygen Network's reality dance competition show *Dance Your Ass Off*, on which she also appears as a judge. Walter's innate comic sensibilities will be showcased as she emcees the Los Angeles Organizing Awards.

Katherine Macey, President of NAPO-LA, says, "Lisa Ann Walter is a perfect fit for the night's events. We look forward to the Awards every year as a way to recognize those people and companies who are doing amazing work in our industry, and we look forward to sharing an evening of laughter and entertainment with our fellow organizers and the public. Lisa Ann will help make the evening one to remember."

The theme of this year's Awards is *Changing Lives – Touching Hearts*. The show is the culmination of National Get Organized Month, with a Red Carpet Reception and Gala Industry Exchange opening the evening. The Gala Industry Exchange offers an opportunity for the top organizers from around the world to meet and mingle and be exposed to some of the most innovative products and services available to the industry.



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Also scheduled to appear at the awards are Peter Walsh, world-renowned organizing expert, television personality and author, and Dorothy Breininger, producer and star of the A & E Network show *Hoarders*. Members of the NAPO National Board and NAPO founders Anne Gambrell and Beverly Clower will be in attendance, as well as leading organizers Monica Ricci, Linda Koopersmith, Lorie Marrero and Wendy Davie.

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About the Organizing Awards:

The Los Angeles Organizing Awards, now in its sixth year, is presented annually to honor outstanding achievements and contributions to the organization and productivity profession, and to recognize professional organizers, organizing retailers, organizing products, services and resources, charities, technology providers, authors and the media. The 2011 Celebrity Host is Lisa Ann Walter. Presenters will be announced shortly. Production support is provided by The Dave Linden Group.

NAPO-LA continues to bring innovation to the industry this year as it prepares to honor those that stand out in the organizing industry. New for 2011 will be the Red Carpet Cocktail Reception and Gala Industry Exchange. A multitude of exhibitors will feature new products, services, books, closet systems and accessories and technology and office products, all designed to showcase the benefits of better personal productivity, time saving techniques and the advantages of living in a streamlined home and office environment – just what the organizing awards are all about. Opportunities will present for attendees' 15 minutes of fame on the red carpet where various media outlets will capture the industry's best on film. Not-to-be-missed are the fabulous prizes being raffled off throughout the evening, and, of course, an exciting and memorable celebration of our industry during an elegant dinner and awards show.

Voting:

Voting for the organizing industry's favorite people, products and services is currently underway, and is taking place online at <http://www.napola.org>, <http://www.organizingawards.com> and <http://www.losangelesorganizingawards.com> until 11:59 p.m. EST December 24, 2010. Voting is open to NAPO-LA Chapter Members, NAPO National Members and the general public. Please see www.napola.org for the official rules and for more information about the exciting voting category modification that allows the public to vote for 'Most Innovative Organizer' and 'Most Supportive or Organizer-Friendly Charity.'

Sponsorships:

The Organizing Awards is a fundraising and public awareness event. Produced and presented by the National Association of Professional Organizers - Los Angeles Chapter (NAPO-LA), a not-for-profit organization meeting IRS Tax Code 501(c)(3) requirements. Sponsorship opportunities are



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available and will underwrite production costs. All proceeds from the Awards benefit NAPO-LA for its chapter educational programming. Benefits of sponsorship include mention in all press releases and prominent logo usage on all promotional materials, invitations and banners.

About NAPO-Los Angeles:

NAPO-Los Angeles is a non-profit professional organization dedicated to developing, leading and promoting professional organizers and the benefits of better home and business organization. The Founding Chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers, "The Organizing Authority®," NAPO-LA has provided members with a forum for networking, professional development and raising public awareness since 1985. The chapter has produced the Los Angeles Organizing Expo as well as the Los Angeles Organizing Awards, and this year's Red Carpet Reception will feature a Gala Industry Exchange. For details visit <http://www.napola.org> or <http://www.organizingawards.com>.

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