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# Kim Coles To Host Fifth Annual Los Angeles Organizing Awards, January 30

Kim Coles, stand-up comedian, and former cast member of 'In Living Color' and 'Living Single' will serve as celebrity host for the event that honors the people, products and services that make the world neater and more productive.

Los Angeles, CA (November 30, 2010) - Kim Coles will host the 2010 Los Angeles Organizing Awards, honoring the best and the brightest in the professional organizing industry, Saturday, January 30 at Raleigh Studios, Hollywood. CA. As the host, Kim will share her humorous personal experiences of working with a professional organizer.

"We're thrilled to welcome comedian Kim Coles as the celebrity host of the Fifth Annual Los Angeles Organizing Awards," said Chantale Bordonaro, President of NAPO-LA. "Kim has an extraordinary charm in developing rapport with her audience and we're especially thrilled she has personal experience working with a professional organizer. Her skillful comedy has the unique ability to break down barriers and

return us to common interest". This year's Awards will be the biggest and best event we've ever produced, complete with a Hollywood-style red carpet. The public is invited to join in the fun, and learn firsthand about the most effective organizing strategies, products and services available."

Kim is best known for her zany characters and outrageous sense of humor. She got her start as the runner-up in the Big Beautiful Woman pageant in Atlantic City, New Jersey. She rode her beauty pageant success into a plus-size modeling career, and then began performing stand-up comedy and her show biz career really took off.

Kim landed the spot as warm-up comedian for *The Cosby Show*. From there she appeared on several stand-up shows and also worked as an opening act for several popular musicians (Luther Vandross, Bobby Brown & The O'Jays).

Her big break arrived when she was cast by the Wayans brothers in the sketch show, 'In Living Color'. After she left that show, she appeared in several seasons of 'Living Single'.

Kim has continued to work steadily, appearing in sit-coms, reality shows, and game shows. She is also successful author and playwright.

The gala red carpet event, presented by the Los Angeles chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO-LA) and Presenting Sponsor Avery Dennison, celebrates professional organizers who set the standard for home and business productivity, and the products and services that help consumers and businesses organize themselves and their information, manage their time and control habits that can lead to clutter and chaos. Los Angeles Organizing Awards' recipients are chosen by a popular national vote, taking place October 15 through December 15 online at www.organizingawards.com.

The top five finalists in each category are invited to attend the ceremony with a total of twenty-three awards presented, including: five awards for organizing products and retailers, five awards for organizing services, five awards to organizing professionals and four awards to media outlets. The chapter will also honor several of its members with chapter awards. The "Volunteer of the Year Award" is presented to the chapter member with an exemplary record of service. The "Leading Edge Award" recognizes a NAPO-LA member whose actions and efforts elevate the quality or profile of professional organizers everywhere. In addition, this year's "Special Recognition Award" will be presented by Avery Dennison to an individual or company who has performed or contributed significantly to the success of a particular project or initiative that benefits the public and the organizing profession.

#### About the Organizing Awards

The Los Angeles Organizing Awards were introduced in 2006 by the Los Angeles chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO-LA) to honor professional organizers, organizing retailers, organizing products services & resources, charities, technology providers, authors and the media for their contributions to the organizing industry. The Awards conclude "National Get Organized Month." Tickets to this event can be purchased at <a href="http://www.organizingawards.com">http://www.organizingawards.com</a>.

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#### About NAPO-Los Angeles:

The Los Angeles chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO-LA) is a group of 150 professional organizers and associate members dedicated to helping individuals and businesses bring order and efficiency to their lives. The Founding Chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers, "The Organizing Authority®," our mission has been to develop, lead and promote professional organizers and the organizing industry since 1985. The chapter produces the Los Angeles Organizing Expo as well as the Los Angeles Organizing Awards and is the recipient of the 2008 NAPO National President's Award for innovative contributions to the organizing industry. For details visit <a href="http://www.napola.org">http://www.napola.org</a> or <a href="http://www.organizingawards.com">http://www.organizingawards.com</a>.

#### Awards Finalists, (in no particular order):

#### Best Organizing Product Retailer

Discover Organizing Incorporated Franklin Covey Organize.com Stacks and Stacks The Container Store

#### Best Closet Design Firm

California Closets Closet Factory The Closet Works, Inc. Get It Together LA!

LA Closet Design

#### Best Garage Design Firm

Garage Envy
Garage Tek
Get It Together LA!
Gladiator Garage Works
OrganizeIT!

#### Best Office Organizing Product

Avery Labels, Avery Insert Tab Dividers
[InPlace Desktop File Sorter by Peter Walsh
Neat - NeatDesk
Pendaflex SureHook Hanging File folder
Time Timer, LLC

#### Best Home Organizing Product

Keepsake Keeper by Kangaroom Storage Really Useful Boxes ShelfGenie - Glideout The Board Space Planning Systems The Container Store - Elfa

## Most Helpful Organizing Technology

IntelliScanner
iPEP Productive Environment Institute
iPhone
The Neat Company - Neat Receipts
Scan Digital

## The Green Award for Most Eco-Friendly Organizing Product

Avery Eco-Friendly White Address Labels Method Pink Grapefruit All-Purpose Cleaner Recycle Bags by Kangaroom Storage The Glam Can Unikeep Enviro Binder

#### The Green Award for Most Eco-Friendly Organizing Service

Ann Sullivan, Organizing People for Life College Hunks Hauling Junk Go Junk Free America! Sara Getzkin, Hands On! Organizng Services Tanya Whitford, Organizing Wonders

#### Best Time Management Expert

Christine Reiter, Time-Strategies Services The David Allen Company Harold Taylor Time Consultants Ltd. Julie Morgenstern Enterprises Krista Colvin, Organize the Whole Shebang

#### Philanthropy Award

Leslie Haber, An Organized Life-Arizona NAPO Chapter, Go Month Foster Family 2007 Dorothy Breininger, Delphi Center for Organization Heather Lambie, Your Home Editor Lisa Adams, LA Closet Design

# Best Show Incorporating Organizing on National Television

Clean House (Style)
Hoarders (A&E)
neat (HGTV Canada/Discovery Home Channel)
Oprah's Clean Up Your Messy House/Peter Walsh (ABC)
Small Space, Big Style (HGTV)

## Best National Makeover Reality Television Program

Extreme Makeover - Home Edition (ABC)
Home Made Simple (TLC)
neat (HGTV Canada/Discovery Home Channel)
Real Simple. Real Life. (TLC)
Stager Invasion (TLC)

## Best Organizing Book

Organizing A to Z by Lisa Lelas
Organizing For a Living by Jackie Tiani
Organizing Outside The Box by Hellen Buttigieg
Sorted! by Lissanne Oliver
The Clutter Diet by Lorie Marrero

## Best Publication Featuring Organizational Information

Better Homes & Gardens
Martha Stewart Living
NSGCD-The Chronicle
Ready Made-Instructions For Everyday Life - BH&G
Real Simple Magazine

## Best Organizing Website or Blog

Clutter Diet Blog - Lorie Marrero Jeri Dansky Blog - Jeri Dansky LifeOrganizers.com - Paul & Valerie Holstein Simplify 101 Blog/Website - Aby & Jay Garvey Unclutterer Blog - Erin Doland

#### Most Valuable Educational Resource

A Red Bench
eSMMART
NAPO National Conference
NSGCD
Professional Organizer Training Institute

## Best Organizer as Coach or Mentor\*\*

Beth Randall, Joe Organizer
Denslow Brown, The Organizer & Coach
Elizabeth Hagen.com
Kristine Oller, Feeding Your Focus
Margaret Miller, WABC Coach

## NAPO-LA Chapter Members only may vote for the following:

#### Most Innovative Organizer

Beth Zeigler, BNeato
Calahan Solutions, Inc.
Dorothy Breininger, Delphi Center for Organization
Elizabeth Hagen.com
Jodie Watson, Supreme Organization

#### Most Supportive or Organizer-Friendly Charity

Baby2Baby Goodwill Industries International, Inc. National Council of Jewish Women/Los Angeles Out of the Closet Soles4Souls

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