

International Special Events Society – ISES

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Announcing 3rd Annual International Special Events Society (ISES) Star Awards Program

The ISES Minnesota Star Awards began in 2004 as a way to provide event professionals in Minnesota with an opportunity to gain recognition for the fabulous events they create, plan, manage, and execute each year.

This year we celebrate the ELEMENTS essential to event success. While recognizing the best events of 2006, this year's party will grace one of Minnesota's splendid new spaces: the Minneapolis Central Library. Come and enjoy the drinks, dining, dancing and deserts amidst the ELEMENTS of life.

While individuals and companies will be recognized in 15 categories, this event is a celebration for the entire event community in Minnesota. This is *the event* for event professionals and for those who appreciate the best the state has to offer in meeting and special event planning.

When: Friday, March 9th
7:00 – 8:30 – Registration and Pre Party
8:30 – 9:30 – Awards Celebration
9:30 – Elemental After Party

Where: The Minneapolis Central Library
300 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55403

RSVP: By March 6th, 2007 at RSVP@ISES-MSP.Org
<http://www.ises-msp.org/pages/starwards.html>

Cost: \$65 Per person/proceeds benefit ISES Continuing Education

Nominees:

Best Catered Event: Budget \$10,001+

- Marcia McKinney; D'Amico Catering

Best Use of Floral

- Patty Fleming; Festivities, Inc.
- Alice-Lynne Olson; The Late Bloomer Floral Design Studio, Inc.
- Pete Nelson; Design Group

Best Event Design and Decor: Budget \$10,000 and Under

- Tim Smith; AARCEE Party and Tent Rental

Best Event Design and Decor: Budget \$10,001-\$25,000

- Scott DeLage; Event Lab
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- Ryan Hanson; Independent

Best Event Design and Decor: Budget \$25,001+**

- Michael Feldbaum and Sheree Bochenek; apres party and tent rental
- Ryan Hanson; MENTTIUM Corporation and Sheree Bochenek; apres party and tent rental
- Becky Harris; Event Lab

Best Use of Marketing/Graphic Design

- Ryan Hanson; MENTTIUM Corporation

Best Event Photography

- Marc Andrew and Leda Zych; Studio 306

Best Rental Installation

- Andrea Bach and Jim Bach; apres party and tent rental
- Kevin Nelson; AARCEE Party and Tent Rental
- John Swanson; Skyway Event Services

Best Event Logistics

- Andrea Bach and Jim Bach; apres party and tent rental
- Dianna Fuller; Hoffman Communications
- Nancy Jacobs; Design Group

Best Technical Production

- Steve DeVries; Showcore, Inc.
- Dianna Fuller; Hoffman Communications
- Dan Zunker; Heroic Productions

Best Social Event Planning; Budget \$40,001+

- Ryan Hanson; Independent

Best Corporate or Non-Profit Event Planning: Budget \$40,000 and Under

- Nancy Jacobs; Design Group

Best Corporate or Non-Profit Event Planning: Budget \$40,001-\$100,000

- Jodi Collen, Dan Young and Joette Zembal; Thrivent Financial
- Missy Francisco-Carlson; SDMC Health Systems
- Marcia McKinney; D'Amico Catering

Best Corporate or Non-Profit Event Planning: Budget \$100,001+**

- Ryan Hanson; MENTTIUM Corporation
- Becky Harris; Event Lab
- Nicolle Sellers and Laura Hotvet; Luxe Productions

Best ISES Team Effort

Team 1:

- Children's Cancer Research Fund
- Event Lab
- Martin Bastian Productions

Team 2:

- Susan Diamond; Jigsaw Unlimited
- Craig Oliver; AARCEE Party and Tent Rental
- Jack Scafide; CORT Event Furnishings

Team 3:

- Ryan Hanson; Independent
- Leslie Larson; Skyway Event Services
- Alice-Lynne Olson; The Late Bloomer Floral Design Studio
- Amy Weigert; BBJ Linen
- Dan Zunker; Heroic Productions



What is ISES

The International Special Events Society is comprised of over 4,000 professionals associated among 41 chapters world wide who work in the special events industry as event planners, caterers, decorators, florists, destination management companies, rental and production companies, tent suppliers, audio-visual technicians, party and convention coordinators, hotel and convention managers, entertainers and much more. ISES provides education and networking to its members to promote professionalism in the special events industry.