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eTEA Update 02/22/07

Upcoming TEA Events

Feb. 12 - TEA Eastern Division Mixer, Velvet Lounge, Hard Rock Hotel, Universal Orlando

March 2-3 - TEA Summit, Grand Californian Hotel, Anaheim, CA **SOLD OUT**

March 3 - 13th Annual Thea Awards Gala, sponsored by Economics Research Associates
Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim California

Only a few seats remaining at this awesome networking event! [Click Here to Book Tickets!](#)

March 12 - TEA Europe London Eye Private Spin and Mixer at TiLEzone see page 7 for details

March 12 - TEA Eastern Division Mixer, Blue Velvet Lounge at the
Hard Rock Hotel, Orlando

May 9-10 -Museums & Heritage Show, Earls Court, London
see page 8 for details



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!

The TEA Party at IAAPA Date And Place Are Set!

When: Wednesday November 14, 2007

Where: The Groove, Universal City Walk, Orlando

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for sponsorship opportunities.



13th Annual Thea Awards Details - March 3, 2007

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LOCATION: The Thea Awards Ceremony will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim. **The Reception begins at 6:00 pm with a show start scheduled for 7:30pm.**

You can pick up Thea tickets at the Will Call located at the entrance to the Reception area outside of the Grand Ball Room, unless other arrangements have been made.

REMINDER: This is a Formal Black Tie event. Dress for this event is tuxedo for men and formal attire for women.

THEA AWARDS GROUP PHOTO SCHEDULE: You may want to notify those additional persons who should be present for the Official Thea Group Photo opportunity. Photos will be held in a room connected to the Ball Room, so please enter at reception and additional directions will be provided.

Please make sure your groups arrives promptly at your scheduled time. An expanded Photo Schedule is provided at the bottom of this page as a reference.

5:30 pm – Ski Dubai

5:40 pm - U-505

5:50 pm - Madame Tussauds

6:00 pm - The Great Glass Elevator

6:10 pm - Kidspac Children’s Museum

6:25 pm - The Real Cost Cafe

6:35 pm - Believe

6:55 pm - Bob Rogers

5:35 pm - Robots

5:45 pm - Zoomazium

5:55 pm - Toyota Group Pavilion

6:05 pm - Ashes and Snow

6:15 pm - Boudin at the Wharf

6:30 pm - The Georgia Aquarium

6:45 pm - Expedition Everest

Please Note:

The Lobby Bar Will be Open Beginning at 5:30 pm for early arrivals and Photo Groups!



Members in the News

Utopia Entertainment were asked by the City of Beverly Hills to pull together their “Deck The Hills” holiday plan. “The goal was to create a themed, seasonal presence throughout the Beverly Hills shopping district,” said **Norm Kahn**, CEO of Utopia Entertainment. The plan developed a single theme spread across three major shopping areas, including Rodeo Drive, and included the new scheme of Rat Pack inspired coolness and a hip look at the holidays. Colorful and kitschy banners, lighted archways over Wilshire Blvd., wireless audio system delivering smooth Yuletide tunes of Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. and others were just a few of the themed elements created for the season. “Utopia Entertainment really helped to create a unified vision and overall plan that incorporated the elements of the season with the desires of the merchants. It was such a pleasure to have one company create and manage the entire project,” said **Kathy Smits**, Director of the Beverly Hills Conference & Visitors Bureau. More info: **Danny Burzlaff** dburzlaff@utopiaworldwide.com

Columbus, Ohio-based urban design and landscape architecture firm **MSI** recently merged with entertainment attraction and theme park designers **Wyatt Design Group Inc.** located in Pasadena, CA. The merger brings together two firms with over 15 years experience in the planning and landscape industry. “MSI is pleased to welcome the team from Wyatt Design,” said **Keith Myers**, MSI principal and co-founder. “The merger is a great fit. Both firms have a shared vision for excellence and a passion for the profession.” The Pasadena operation will assume the MSI name, but will operate under Wyatt Design Group/MSI for a one-year transition period. Myers and Larry Wyatt, Wyatt Design Group principal, have had a longstanding professional and personal relationship. They began working together at Kings Entertainment Company, a theme park operating division of Taft Broadcasting in Cincinnati in the early 1980s. As a result of the merger, the firm will have the staff and resources to participate in the complete development of significant projects, as well as augment additional services with its existing clients. More info: **Jason Sudy**, +1 614-621-2796.

Cunningham Group is pleased to announce the opening of their newest office in Biloxi, MS. Cunningham Group has worked in the Gulf Coast region for years with clients such as Harrah’s Entertainment and Palace Casino Resort. Their Biloxi office will include **Mario Racelis** and **Colleen Cullen**, AIA, both of whom have decades of professional experience on a variety of project types, including work in the casino resort, hospitality, mixed-use, corporate office and housing markets. The new office is located at 178 Main Street, Suite 201, Biloxi, MS 39530. Phone is +1 228-374-0633. More info:

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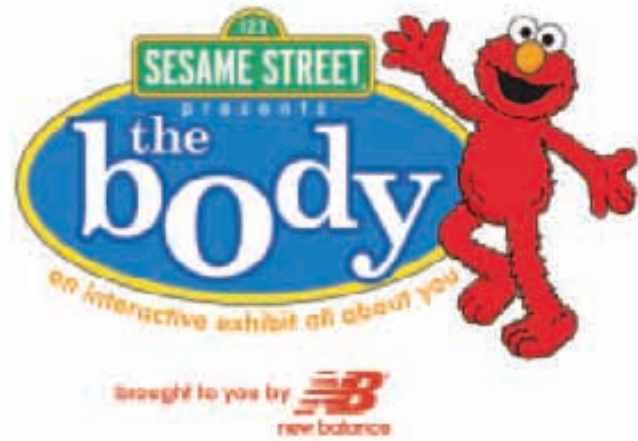
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Thinkwell Design & Production welcomed back their innovative traveling exhibit **Sesame Street Presents: The Body** to Southern California. The highly successful exhibit is now on the fourth stop of its nationwide tour, the Discovery Center in Santa Ana, where it will be on display until April 29, 2007.



Sesame Street Presents: The Body offers an engaging, free-flowing learning experience set in the familiar world of Sesame Street and features the loveable characters who anchor an exciting collection of hands-on, interactive and multimedia experiences that enable children to explore the human body, how it works and the importance of staying healthy. Created by the partnership of Thinkwell Design & Production and **Sesame Workshop**, the exhibit has as its national sponsor **New Balance Athletic Shoes, Inc.** Other firms that worked on the project include **Electrosonic Systems, Ltd.**, **Scenery West/Lexington**, **Scenario Design, Inc.**, and **Ironwood Scenic** in the exhibit's

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RFPs

UK Liverpool - seeking expressions of interest from exhibition designers who can take current concept designs into detailed design and construction of one or more gallery packages. Will work with museum exhibition master planner BRC and the museum's Content Team. **Deadline is Feb. 28.** email Raina@TEAConnect.org and ask for UK Liverpool Museum Exhibitions.

Germany Berlin - Museum AV realization. **Deadline is March 1.** Doc is in German. email Raina@TEAConnect.org and ask for Germany Berlin Museum AV.

California La Purisma - call for individual or firm to provide researched, documented, historically accurate, ethnographically correct and culturally sensitive finished artworks for use in transmission state historic park visitor center. **Deadline is March 1.** email Raina@TEAConnect.org and ask for California La Purisma.

Canada Winnipeg - seeking architect consultants for urban oasis facility. **Deadline is March 2.** email Raina@TEAConnect.org and ask for Canada Winnipeg Urban Oasis.

California Sacramento - design, build, install themed entrances and facades for state fair. **Deadline is March 5.** email Raina@TEAConnect.org and ask for California Themed entrances.

UK Bristol - seeking expressions of interest from exhibition designers for fitout of permanent exhibition galleries with new museum. project is set around a new concept for a city history museum. **Deadline is March 6.** email Raina@TEAConnect.org and ask for UK Bristol museum exhibition services.

Alaska - Permanent Fund Corp. Board Room AV system. Seeking professional design and installation of Board Room AV system. **Deadline is March 7.** email Raina@TEAConnect.org and ask for Alaska Board Room AV.

Oklahoma Edmond - ballroom sound system upgrade. **Deadline is March 9.** **Deadline to schedule site visit is Feb. 28.** email Raina@TEAConnect.org and ask for Oklahoma Edmond sound system.

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UK London museum - seeking PR services to manage a PR campaign to generate public support for science museum in UK competition. **Deadline is March 14.** email Raina@TEAConnect.org and ask for UK London Museum PR.

Georgia Buckhead - education center AV system. **Deadline is March 15. Mandatory pre-bid site visit is Feb. 28.** email Raina@TEAConnect.org and ask for Georgia Buckhead AV.

UK Chester - seeking architectural, landscape, Town and Country planning and business planning consultants for Super Zoo project. **Deadline is March 21.** email Raina@TEAConnect.org and ask for UK Chester Superzoo.

California Stanislaus County - RFQ for labor, equipment, materials and installation of AV systems for Gallo Center for the arts, including procurement and installation of sound reinforcing systems, control room mix positions, road show mixing positions, input panels on stage, production communication system, performance monitor paging and audio system, hearing assistance system, and production monitor video system. **Deadline is March 21.** email Raina@TEAConnect.org and ask for California Gallo Center AV.

UK Chester project management consultancy - Superzoo project seeking project manager, quantity surveyor, planning supervisor. **Deadline is March 21.** email Raina@TEAConnect.org and ask for UK Chester project management.

California Stone Lagoon - seeking contractor to research, develop, design, engineer, fabricate and install new interpretive exhibits for the Stone Lagoon Visitor Center located at Humboldt Lagoons State Park. **Deadline is March 22.** email Raina@TEAConnect.org and ask for California Stone Lagoon visitor center.

UK Leeds - Design Contact Notice for a two-stage open design competition for the design of a new, circa 11-12,000 GBP purpose built Arts Centre. Centre should contribute to the creation of, participation in and enjoyment of high quality art across a number of mediums in Belfast, Northern Ireland. **Deadline is April 13.** email Raina@TEAConnect.org and ask for UK Leeds museum design.

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Industry Calendar

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13th Thea Awards, March 3, 2007, Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim. See www.teaconnect.org/theamain.htm

Seatrade Cruise Shipping Convention, March 12-15, Miami Beach. Info: www.cruiseshipping.net

TiLEZone, March 13, 2007, London. www.tileweb.org

USITT Conference & Stage Expo, March 14-17, 2007, Phoenix, AZ. Info: www.usitt.org

Global Gaming Institute, April 10-12, New Orleans. www.G2EInstitute.com

DEAL 2007, April 22-24, 2007. Dubai World Trade Center. Info: www.themeparksdubai.com

GSCA 2007 Film Expo, April 24-25. Los Angeles. Info: tammyseldon@gianscreencinema.com

“The Show” (hospitality) March 6-7, Las Vegas. www.nightclub.com

NSCA Systems Integration Show, Mar. 15-17, Orlando. Info: www.nascaexpo.org See next page for details

Museums & Heritage Show, May 9-10, Earls Court, London. www.museumsandheritage.com

TiLEForum, June 19-21, Villa Erba, Cernobbio, Italy. www.tileweb.org

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**TEA Mixer for 2nd TiLEzone London
Monday 12th March 2007**

**London Eye
Leader Bar London Marriott Hotel County Hall**

The London Eye is one of the most successful commercial tourist attractions in the capital, if not the country, and much praised internationally. As an appetiser for this 2nd TiLEzone London, which is on Tuesday 13th March 2007 at the DTI Conference Centre, TEA offers an exclusive opportunity to meet David Sharpe, MD of Dubai-owned Tussaud's world famous London Eye and take a 'spin' in a private capsule. There are only 24 places reserved on a first, come first served basis. As if the spin and the evening view of the city are not incentive enough, TEA members and guests will have the opportunity to talk to David about the Eye's sustained success and its future plans.

TiLEzone attendees, TEA members and guests are invited to meet for a drinks mixer at the Leader Bar in the Marriott Hotel County Hall after the London Eye ride. The south bank near County Hall has a selection of good restaurants near by from Chez Gerard to Pizza Express; an initial table for 10 has been booked at Pizza Express at 9.15pm, this venue has been chosen so that more can join the meal in this informal setting.

The evening's events have been arranged to attract TEA members, guests and those attending the 2nd TiLEzone London and to maximise time and opportunity to meet, talk and MIX.

1830hrs	London Eye private spin - BOOKING WITH TEAevents@continuum-group.com
1930hrs	Drinks at the Leader Bar, London Marriott Hotel County Hall, Riverside Building, County Hall, Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7PB
2115hrs	Dinner at Pizza Express, nr County Hall, 9 Belvedere Road, South Bank, London, SE1 8YP

Please RSVP to TEAevents@continuum-group.com stating clearly if you want to visit the London Eye, just come for a drink or wish to reserve a seat for dinner.

MUSEUMS and HERITAGE SHOW

London 9 & 10 May 2007

Wednesday 9th May 9.30 - 5.30pm
Thursday 10th May 9.30 - 4.30pm
Venue Brompton Hall, Earls Court One, London

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Getting to Earl's Court

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By Underground
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By Bus
Warwick Road: 74, 328, C1, C3
Lille Road: 190
London Transport: 020 7222 1234

By Rail
West Brompton mainline station provides direct services to Clapham Junction, Gatwick Airport, Brighton, Watford Junction, Milton Keynes, Northampton and Rugby. Alternatively, Earls Court is well located for access to all other London Mainline Stations. Rail Information: 08457 48 49 50

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