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***MODERN BRIDE* NAMES “25 TRENDSETTERS OF 2008”**

MAYOR MICHAEL BLOOMBERG, BOBBI BROWN, OSCAR DE LA RENTA, TIFFANY & CO. AND DISNEY AMONG HONOREES FEATURED IN JUNE/JULY “TRENDSETTERS” ISSUE

New York, NY, April 28, 2008 — *Modern Bride* magazine has named “The 25 Trendsetters of 2008” who are this year’s brightest stars in the world of weddings. The 25 honorees are changing the way we celebrate the milestone of marriage with their tremendous talent, vast knowledge and inspiring creativity. The 2008 Trendsetters list, which includes New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Bobbi Brown and Oscar de la Renta, will be featured in the June/July issue on newsstands May 13th.

Antonia van der Meer, Editor-in-Chief of *Modern Bride*, *Elegant Bride* and *Your Prom*, says, “Every year we are blown away by the incredible talent at work in the wedding world. Our list, now in its fifth year, finds no shortage of innovators from beauty experts to caterers, philanthropists, jewelers and fashion designers. Their creativity is inspiring!”

Modern Bride will honor the 25 Trendsetters with a special awards ceremony at The New York Palace Hotel on May 13th, the same day the issue featuring the recipients hits newsstands.

Following is the list of *Modern Bride*’s 25 Trendsetters of the Year:

1. **Mayor Michael Bloomberg** of New York, future “wedding capital of the world” (New York City)
2. Masterful makeup artist and bridal beauty expert **Bobbi Brown** (New York City)
3. Arbiter of style **Oscar de la Renta** (New York City)
4. Iconic jeweler and leading registry destination **Tiffany & Co.** (New York City)
5. Stiletto sophisticate **Tamara Mellon** of **Jimmy Choo** (London)
6. **Disney**’s wedding planning wizards **Jeff Ralls**, **Korri McFann** and **Tim Hill** (Orlando, FL and Anaheim, GA)
7. Party design powerhouse **David Beahm** (New York City)
8. **Sara Blakely** of **Spanx**, bridal body shaper (Atlanta, GA)
9. Fondant phenom in wedding-cake design **Kate Sullivan** (New York City)
10. **Kelly Wearstler** and **Brad Corzen**, hip hoteliers (Los Angeles)
11. Cookie Couturier **Eleni Gianopoulos** (New York City)
12. **Carla Ruben** and **Bob Spiegel**, culinary connoisseurs (New York City)
13. Floral philanthropist **Nancy K. Lawlor** (New York City and Los Angeles)
14. **Chad Solomon** and **Christy Pope**, cocktail hotshots (New York City)
15. First-dance divas **Gabriella Barnstone** and **Emily Greenhill** (New York City)
16. Wedding design dynamo **Marina Birch** (Chicago)
17. **Sol Lehr** and **Ellen Black**, stationers to the stars (Los Angeles)
18. Artisans of ambiance **Matthew Robbins** and **Jack Myers** (New York City)
19. Green-wedding guru **Danielle Venokur** (New York City)
20. **Maggie Daniels** for **George Mason University**, professor of planning (Fairfax, VA)
21. Creative cake baker **Cheryl Kleinman** (Brooklyn)
22. Invite innovator **Cheree Berry** (St. Louis)
23. **Peter Callahan**, captivating caterer (Philadelphia, PA & New York City, NY)
24. Floral fantasist **Karen Axel** (San Francisco)
25. **Elizabeth Messina**, photo artiste (Ventura, CA)

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