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PACE LIGHTING ANNOUNCED AS FINALIST FOR 27TH ANNUAL ARTS AWARD

DALLAS – September 10, 2015 – Dallas Market Center and ART – the creative home furnishings network – today announced the 27th Annual ARTS Awards finalists in the “Retailers” category, which includes Pace Lighting in the East/Atlantic division for Lighting Showroom. Pace Lighting will be judged against two other premier lighting showrooms for this prestigious award. This is Pace Lighting’s second nomination for the highest honor given in the home furnishings industry. Finalists are selected by a nominating committee of industry professionals who evaluated the hundreds of nominees submitted online.

Pace Lighting is a three-time winner of National Lighting Showroom of the Year, a similar award specific to lighting retailers exclusively awarded every June. Pace Lighting’s CEO, Lisa Dixon, stated, “The entire Pace Lighting team is delighted to be nominated once again for such a prestigious award in our industry. To be repeatedly acknowledged by our peers as among the best in the country is an amazing experience for our staff and owners. We are proud to serve Savannah and share our wonderful showroom with everyone in our community.”

The ARTS Awards, presented each January during the Dallas Total Home & Gift Market, recognizes top manufacturers, retailers, designers and sales representatives from across the world. The 27th Annual ARTS winners will be revealed during a gala event on Friday, January 22, 2016 at the Hilton Anatole Hotel in Dallas, TX.

The finalists submit a digital presentation to a panel of distinguished judges, and submissions consist of marketing, merchandising, and company differentiation examples. In November 2015, the panel of judges will convene in Dallas for two days to review each individual or company’s submission. Once all components of judging are complete, a designated accounting firm will tabulate and secure the scores until the winners are announced in January.

For additional information regarding the ARTS Awards, visit dallasmarketcenter.com/artsawards. The complete list of finalists can be viewed online at <http://dallasmarketcenter.com/ArtsAwards/finalists/>.

About Pace Lighting

Pace Lighting is a majority women and locally owned, independent lighting retailer located in Savannah, Georgia. Pace Lighting has an 18,500 square foot showroom and warehouse displaying 2,500 light fixtures & ceiling fans from 180 product lines. Founded in 2001, Pace Lighting opened a state-of-the-art lighting showroom and design center on Chatham Parkway in Savannah in December 2008. Pace Lighting is the 2013, 2012 & 2010 National Lighting Showroom of the Year & was a finalist in the 25th Annual ARTS Awards.

About ART

ART is the creative home furnishings network representing manufacturers, retailers, representatives and other individuals and companies interested in promoting and enhancing the market position of the home furnishings industry. Each year ART sponsors programs such as the ART conference, regional educational seminars, the ART card and the ARTS Awards. The ART website is available at accessoriesresourceteam.org.

About the ARTS Awards

The ARTS Awards is the premier international awards program dedicated to the home industry. Up to 27 categories exist under the headings Manufacturer, Retailer, Product Designer, Interior Designer, Sales Representative, Rising Star, Green and Academy of Achievement. Anyone in the industry can nominate including manufacturers, retailers, sales representatives, designers, suppliers, consultants and other industry officials. Academy of Achievement and Rising Star honorees are selected by an ARTS Awards committee each year. Companies that have won an ARTS Award five times are inducted into the Hall of Fame. Hall of Fame members are: Arteriors Home, BJ's Home Accents, C.S. Wo & Sons, Distinctive Designs International Inc., Feizy Rugs, Fine Art Lamps, Global Views, Montage, Natural Decorations Inc., Palecek, Paragon, Robb & Stucky and Schonbek Worldwide Lighting. Visit dallasmarketcenter.com/artsawards for more information.

About Dallas Market Center

Founded in 1957, Dallas Market Center is the world's most complete wholesale marketplace. Within its marketplace of more than five million square feet, retailers from around the globe source products ranging from home furnishings, gifts, decorative accessories and lighting to textiles, fashion accessories and men's, western, women's and children's apparel. With more than 50 markets each year attended by more than 200,000 retail buyers from all 50 states and 85 countries, Dallas Market Center offers hundreds of events and seminars geared toward helping retailers expand business and increase profits. The Dallas Market Center website is available at dallasmarketcenter.com.

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