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ULTRA-CONTEMPORARY, CURVACEOUS KITCHEN

PLACES SECOND IN AMERICAN KITCHEN IDOL CONTEST

April 2, 2004 - A high-end kitchen with custom-designed cabinetry featuring sensuous curves placed second in the 2004 American Kitchen Idol virtual kitchen tour contest. The kitchen was designed and built by Carmen Vona, Carmana Designs, Ltd. in Philadelphia, PA.

Anna Maria Vona, partner and spokesperson for the firm, said their client wanted a kitchen that was visually and aesthetically pleasing, as well as functional, for his summer home on the Atlantic City Boardwalk. The kitchen's relatively small area is defined by the floor-to-ceiling concave curves of the pantry cabinets. The curves of an adjacent circular table parallel those of the cabinets, providing a pleasant visual symmetry.

All cabinets are custom designed and built of curly maple, sequenced, matched and numbered veneer finished in a warm, sunset-orange glossy stain. The twisted steel pulls on the cabinets were also designed and manufactured by Carmen Vona.

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The ebony accents of the granite countertops and flyover hovering above the counter are in striking contrast with the cabinets, and complement the stainless steel, professional-style appliances and sink. The cooktop by Wolf, hood by Zephyr, ovens by Thermador and microwave by Sharp, along with the Sub-Zero refrigerator and Asko dishwasher, assure efficient food preparation and cleanup. The sink and faucets are by Franke, Inc. and the lighting is from Artimede, Inc.

The kitchen project took more than one year from inception to completion, and cost in excess of \$150,000. The custom cabinets alone were in the \$90,000 range. Photographs of the winning kitchen are by Barry Halkin Photography.

Carmana Designs, Ltd. is a turnkey operation, providing every aspect of kitchen design, construction and installation. Clients' finished kitchens are staged in the shop for approval prior to shipping. The shop is a 23,000 square foot facility with state-of-the-art manufacturing equipment and downdraft paint booth. The modern equipment complements Carmen Vona's dedication to "Old World" craftsmanship acquired during his first four years of work with his first employer.

Carmana Designs, Ltd. has been in business for 22 years. The company designs cabinetry for commercial and retail enterprises as well as for residential projects. Their projects have been featured in both consumer and industry publications. Visitors to the American Kitchen Idol web site, www.AmericanKitchenIdol.com, viewed and voted on 54 entries in the virtual kitchen tour contest that began in July, 2003. The Carmana Designs, Ltd. kitchen design scored 7.94 on a scale of 10 to be named the second place winner. Please call: Anna Maria Vona, at 215-952-0133 for interviews.