

# Homeowners, Rebuilding Tulsa Together to benefit from annual show



Fred Pruett (left), Tom McHenry and Deanna Boston are helping put together this weekend's Greater Tulsa Home Remodeling Show.

Options such as adding a master suite or playroom, and upgrading kitchens and baths are as popular as ever, while modifications designed to allow residents to "age in place" are increasingly widespread with baby boomers and retirees.

The top remodeling jobs across the nation include kitchen remodeling (62 percent), bathroom remodeling (61 percent) and room additions (58 percent). The most common energy-saving materials and products were Low-E windows (76 percent), insulated exterior doors (71 percent), upgraded insulation (69 percent) and ceiling fans (67 percent).

The 2004 Greater Tulsa Home Remodeling Show is an HBA event sponsored by Slape Cabinets & Countertops.

Tickets, which allow you to attend both events, are \$5 and can be purchased at the homes on the tour or at the Tulsa Event Center. Proceeds from ticket sales at four sites will benefit Rebuilding Tulsa Together, a nonprofit organization that repairs homes for the disabled and elderly.

The Home Remodeling Tour will feature five homes in Tulsa that were remodeled by HBA professional remodelers. The companies and the homes where their projects can be viewed are: All American Remodel, 2528 S. Columbia Place; The Buckingham Group, 235 E. 24th Place; Kleinc Construction, 7306 E. 66th St.; Renovations By Helms, 4904 E. 103rd Ave. and 30 E. Woodward Blvd.

Also on the tour is Hahn Appliance Center, 6540 E. 41st St., sponsor of the Remodeled Tulsa

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## 'Mike' contest winner named

After tying on points with fellow contestant Jason DeLong, Tulsa barber Gabriel Williams won the final competition of "Gimme the Mike" on Monday evening.

The finals were broadcast live from the Cain's Ballroom on KOTV, channel 6.

Williams sang "The Greatest Love of All." He was one of six finalists, narrowed down over six weeks from a field of nearly 300.



Williams

As the winner, Williams receives free studio recording time, a two-year lease on a new car from Saturn of Tulsa, and merchandise from Braum's, Mathis Brothers Furniture and Tulsa Promenade mall.

## Cameras to roll soon on 'Geisha'

HOLLYWOOD — Production of the long-in-the-works movie version of "Memoirs of a Geisha" will begin next month in Los Angeles and Japan with Rob Marshall in the director's chair, Columbia Pictures and DreamWorks Pictures announced.

Chinese-born Zhang Ziyi of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" will play the title role of the young girl Sayuri who becomes a geisha, and Japanese star Ken Watanabe, who appeared as the title character in "The Last Samurai," will portray the businessman with whom she falls in love.

Rounding out the principal cast are Chinese star Gong Li and Japanese actors Koji Yakusho and Youki Kudoh. The screenplay was adapted by Ron

Bass, Akiva Goldsman and Rob in Swicord.

Marshall's participation had been held up because Miramax had a contractual option for him to direct another film in a deal under which he was hired to direct the hit movie version of the musical "Chicago." Marshall is now in negotiations to determine what project will fulfill his obligation to Miramax after he finishes "Geisha."

The companies involved did not disclose whether Miramax extracted concessions from production partners Columbia and DreamWorks in exchange for letting Marshall off the hook to work on "Geisha." Spyglass Entertainment Group is teamed with the studios on the film.

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