

Megan Duckett Recognized Among Top Female Entrepreneurs with 6th Stevie® Award

/EINPresswire.com/ Sew What? Inc. President Megan Duckett is 2012 Stevie[®] Award Bronze Winner as Female Entrepreneur of the Year. This is the sixth honor awarded to Ms Duckett, who is seen as a top female entrepreneur with outside-the-box thinking and a passion for excellence.

Megan Duckett, president of custom <u>theatrical drapes</u> <u>manufacturer</u> Sew What? Inc. and Rent What? Inc. has been named 2012 Stevie[®] Award Bronze Winner – Female Entrepreneur of the Year (Business Services of 11 to 2,500 employees). This is the sixth honor awarded to Ms Duckett and Sew What? as a <u>Stevie Awards winner</u>, having been recognized by the prestigious organization nearly every year since 2006 when it was named "Most Innovative Company of the Year – Up to 100 Employees."

Ms Duckett's own path to success began as a 19-year-old Australian immigrant, launching her sewing business from the kitchen of her home, which ultimately led to her creating one of the pre-eminent manufacturers of theatrical drapes and



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<u>stage curtains</u> for the entertainment industry today. Sew What? now produces custom and digital backdrops, custom scrims, curtain tracks, pipe and drape systems, and other "soft goods" supplies for stage, film and television productions, as well as rock and roll tours, fashion shows, trade shows, and other special events. In addition, their sister company, Rent What? Inc., provides rentals of theatrical drapes, drops, curtains and supplies to the entertainment and special events industries.

No stranger to business awards and professional recognition, Ms Duckett has been awarded for her leadership and commitment to innovation by numerous industry and civic organizations. Recently, Ms Duckett was named one of DiversityBusiness.com's 2012 "Top Business" awardees during that organization's National Business Conference. As a top female entrepreneur with outside-the-box thinking, a passion for excellence and energetic personality, she has become an in-demand speaker at business conferences coast-to-coast. "This award by the Stevies organization is a great source of pride both for me personally and for Sew What? as a company," said Ms Duckett on hearing of the honor. "In this increasingly competitive world, a business has no choice but to invest in the brainpower of its people and develop new technologies that improve the experiences of its customers. That's the philosophy that drives our company to work increasingly smarter every day. It's especially gratifying to me that the Stevie judges recognize our efforts because it signals a message that the status quo is not sufficient."

About the Stevie Awards

The Stevie Awards for Women in Business are the world's top honors for female entrepreneurs, executives, and the organizations they run. All individuals and organizations worldwide are eligible to submit nominations — public and private, for-profit and non-profit, large and small. The 2012 awards received entries from 17 nations and territories. Nicknamed for the Greek word "crowned," the elegant Stevie trophy was designed by R. S. Owens, the same company that makes the Oscar and the Emmy. Learn more about The Stevie Awards at <u>www.stevieawards.com</u>.

About Sew What? Inc.

Sew What? Inc., located in Rancho Dominguez, CA, is well-known for its dramatic theatrical drapes and fabrics used in major rock concerts, top fashion shows and other artistic staged venues. Their drapes have dressed the stages of Sting, Elton John, Madonna, and Rod Stewart to name a few. In addition, their work was included on the historic 1000th cover of Rolling Stone magazine. For information, contact Sew What, Inc. at (310) 639-6000, or inquiries@sewwhatinc.com.

About Rent What? Inc.

Committed to providing an ultimate experience in both drapery rental products and customer service, Rent What? Inc. is proud to be woman owned and operated. The firm, located in Rancho Dominguez,CA, has set the stage for artists including Beyonce, R Kelly, Nickelback and Demi Lovato. In addition to its large inventory of Inherently Flame Retardant stage drapes, traveler tracks and portable dressing rooms, the company is widely regarded for its basic pricing schedules, innovative damage waiver policy and fast and friendly service. For information, contact Rent What? Inc. at (310) 639-7000 or visit <u>www.rentwhatinc.com</u>.

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