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Mary Hart Named Godmother for Oceania Cruises' New Marina

MIAMI, Dec. 6, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT host Mary Hart is confirmed as the godmother of Oceania Cruises' new cruise ship *Marina*. Hart will name the ship in Miami at a lavish, invitation-only christening ceremony February 5, which will culminate with a 15-liter Nebuchadnezzar of champagne, custom-made by Armand de Brignac, commemoratively crashing against the hull.

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A beloved television personality, this year marks Hart's final season as host of ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT – the number one syndicated entertainment newsmagazine show in the world, which enters its 30th season this year. Hart joined the popular show as a correspondent in June 1982, and within weeks was named co-anchor.

In her personal life, Hart has been involved with philanthropic causes devoted to children. A member of the board of trustees for Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, she currently serves as Leadership Chair of the New Hospital Campaign. Hart is also an ambassador for Childhelp USA, which combats child abuse. For many years she served on the board of directors for the National Childhood Cancer Foundation and continues her affiliation with the Children's Miracle Network, for which she was telethon co-host for 15 years. Hart is the recipient of the Samaritan Award from the National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation for her work on behalf of several children's charities. In 2001, she was honored with the first-ever Children's Miracle Achievement Award for her "long-standing commitment to children and contributing in many ways to bettering the lives of children everywhere."

"It's very exciting, and a bit humbling," said Hart, "I'm truly honored to serve as the Godmother for *Marina* – she will be a very special ship. And, I look forward to smashing a great bottle of champagne as we let the celebration begin!"

"Mary Hart personifies elegance and style, just like our magnificent *Marina*," stated Frank Del Rio, chairman and CEO of Prestige Cruise Holdings, the line's parent company. "We especially salute her philanthropic work devoted to children's causes and we are proud to welcome her to the Oceania Cruises family."

After christening festivities in Miami, *Marina* sets sail Feb. 8 on the first of two 18-day Panama Canal transits that visit San Francisco or San Diego, both new ports for Oceania Cruises. *Marina* then operates a 12-day Caribbean cruise, round-trip from Miami, departing March 16, before sailing along the U.S. Eastern Seaboard and on to Europe to begin her inaugural Mediterranean season.

At 66,000 tons and carrying 1,250 guests, *Marina* features an array of stylish bars and lounges and 10 dining venues – six of which are open-seating, gourmet restaurants –

including Jacques, the first restaurant at sea for Chef Jacques Pepin. Other highlights include a full-service Canyon Ranch SpaClub, Bon Appetit Culinary Center, Owner's Suites furnished exclusively in Ralph Lauren Home, and a grand stairway custom-crafted by renowned French glass master, Lalique.

To learn more about *Marina*, contact a travel professional, visit OceaniaCruises.com or call toll-free at 800-531-5658.

About Oceania Cruises

Oceania Cruises® offers an unrivaled combination of fine cuisine, luxurious accommodations, exceptional personalized service and extraordinary value. Award-winning itineraries visit more than 330 ports in Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Asia, and the Americas aboard the 684-guest *Regatta*, *Insignia* and *Nautica*. The line's 1,250-guest *Marina* joins the fleet in January 2011, followed by *Riviera* – a sister ship – in April 2012.

About Prestige Cruise Holdings

Prestige Cruise Holdings (PCH) is the parent company of Oceania Cruises and Regent Seven Seas Cruises. Formed in 2007 to manage select assets in Apollo Management's cruise investment portfolio, PCH is led by Chairman and CEO Frank Del Rio, the founder of Oceania Cruises. PCH is the market leader in the upper-premium and luxury segments of the cruise industry with nearly 4,000 berths between the Oceania Cruises and Regent Seven Seas Cruises brands, a number the company expects will grow to approximately 6,500 berths by 2012.

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