



## **MICHAEL PAYNE**

Michael Payne, the original host and interior designer of HGTV's *Designing For The Sexes*, obtained a bachelors degree in physics and mathematics from Southampton University in England. After ten years in the computer industry, during which he was transferred from England to the United States, he pursued a career in interior design and graduated from the UCLA interior design program in 1980.

While attending UCLA Michael gained design experience working with a Los Angeles-based design firm that specialized in high-end, international clients. He founded Michael Payne, Inc. in 1980, offering interior design services to clients on a national and international basis. Michael teaches an interior design seminar at UCLA. He designed several lines of case goods furniture for the Powell Company and is currently designing contemporary upholstered furniture for Lazar Industries. He is a spokesperson for Exciting Windows and has relationships with other corporate clients in the furniture and design fields. In October 2007 Michael was nominated for a Pinnacle Award for his Max line of children's furniture.

Michael is a member of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) and is a Certified Interior Designer in the State of California.

In addition to *Designing For The Sexes*, Michael has been on numerous network television programs and on radio stations throughout the country, and has been the featured speaker at various national home shows, design events, museums, conferences, corporate events, and charity functions. He has also been the subject of newspaper and magazine articles across the United States and has authored *Let's Ask Michael*.

Michael and his wife live in Los Angeles. Their son Juston lives in New York City. An avid runner, Michael has completed six marathons, numerous 10K races, and practices yoga. His interests include gardening, automobiles, and antique toys.

