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Shea restaurant projects include two grand openings in May

MINNEAPOLIS (May 23, 2008) – Shea, Inc., a 30-year-old Minneapolis-based marketing and design firm, has long been known for its award-winning restaurant design. Today, the company's client list boasts some of the best local and national industry players, and several exciting designs are currently in the works with two new restaurant concepts being unveiled in the Twin Cities metro by the end of May.

Shea is working with Hemisphere Restaurant Partners—named by *Mpls. St. Paul* magazine as “Restaurateurs of the Year” in 2007—on **Flame - Cooking With Fire**, a brand new restaurant concept slated to open on Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at The Plaza at Rosedale Center. Celebrating the tradition of “Cooking with Fire,” Flame creates a distinctive experience centered on the theme of fire, where the food and its preparation, as well as the environment, will consist of various elements of fire.

Smalley's Caribbean Barbeque is planned to open on Thursday, May 29, 2008, in Stillwater's Brick Alley building at 423 S. Main Street. It is a new concept from the team of Josh Thoma and Tim McKee, the partners behind acclaimed Minneapolis restaurants, Solera and La Belle Vie. Shea, Inc. has been involved in the design of all the team's restaurants and is again involved in the design of Smalley's, which will feature “back yard cooking” over a wood-burning grill.

Thoma and McKee are also partners on a tequila bar concept, called **Barrio**, set to debut at 925 Nicollet Mall in Minneapolis in July. The bar will offer more than 100 varieties of tequila and the pair has been focusing on a menu featuring “Latin street foods.” Shea has been working on design concepts with Tim Rooney and Ryan Burnet, the other half of the Barrio development team.

Shea's portfolio of national restaurant design continues to expand, and the company is currently providing design consultation and construction documentation for concepts including **California Pizza Kitchen, Kona Grill, and Todd English's Figs**. Shea has worked on over 50 locations for long-term client, **Morton's – The Steakhouse**, and is currently beginning design on stores in Brooklyn, NY, and Sacramento, CA.

In 2007, Shea worked with **Stir Crazy**, a casual dining restaurant chain, helping them to refresh the company brand strategy and store prototype design. Rollout of the new prototype began in December, 2007, with new locations opening this year in Bonita Springs, FL, and Brookfield, WI.

In May, Stir Crazy received the prestigious Hot Retailer Award from the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) honoring innovative or one-of-a-kind concepts based on a survey of the organization's 75,000 members.

Shea, Inc., now celebrating its 30th year, is a marketing and design firm integrating expertise in marketing, architecture, and interior design. Shea blends diverse perspectives, skills, cultures and knowledge into solid creative strategy for clients. Shea's client list includes Macy's, TCF National Bank, Morton's The Steakhouse, Wells Fargo and Midcontinent Communications. For more information on Shea, please contact Andy McDermott at 612.594.4245 or visit our Web site www.shealink.com.