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Allied Artists' CEO and Chairman Kim Richards to be Knighted

Investiture ceremony to be held on board the Queen Mary on October 10, 2009, and presided over by His Grace, Michael Schmickrath, the Duke of Gardham, with Lady Grace Collins and Michael Teilmann, Count of Esson in attendance.

Beverly Hills, CA - In recognition of his unselfish service of others, the Order of Constantine the Great has selected Allied Artists' CEO and Chairman, Kim Richards for Investiture into the Order with the rank of Knight. The Order was founded by the Emperor Constantine in 312 A.D. and remains one of the oldest Chivalric Orders in the world today. The decision to Knight Richards was based on his long history of charitable accomplishments, as well as his decades long commitment to helping those less fortunate, while recognizing his professional achievements in entertainment.

Although Investiture to the rank of Knight carries with it the honorary title of "Sir," Richards quips that "many people call me many things, but 'Sir' has rarely been one of them," and goes on to explain that "being Knighted is quite an honor and I plan to do my best to live up to that honor, but don't plan to use the title."

The white tie formal affair will be held on board the Queen Mary in Long Beach Harbor, on Saturday, October 10, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., directly followed by a dinner in honor of the occasion.

The history of Allied Artists is long, varied and legendary. Throughout the years, the Allied Artists brand has been associated with such classic motion pictures as "Papillon," starring Steve McQueen and Dustin Hoffman, "Cabaret," with Liza Minnelli and Joel Grey, "Tickle Me" starring Elvis Presley, and "The Man Who Would be King," starring Sean Connery, Michael Caine and Christopher Plummer, to name but a few.

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