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**Coates Design Architects and Ed Begley, Jr. are *Leading the Way Toward a Sustainable Future* at a Special Event Commemorating LEED® Platinum Certification**

SEATTLE — **Coates Design Architects** has been awarded LEED® Platinum Certification for a home designed for Ed and JoAnne Ellis of Bainbridge Island, Washington. **Coates Design** is the first firm to achieve LEED® Platinum Certification for a single-family residence in the state of Washington, outside of the city of Seattle.

LEED® Certification is the international standard for measuring building sustainability, and the certification demonstrates that a project is truly green. LEED® Platinum is the highest possible level of certification. The Ellis residence incorporates many green technologies, including geothermal heating, photovoltaic energy collection, vegetated roofs, rainwater harvesting and passive-solar strategies that minimize energy use.

To commemorate the LEED® Platinum Certification and raise awareness about sustainable living and green building, a special event is planned for Tuesday, July 27 at Town Hall in Seattle. The event, entitled "**Leading the Way Toward a Sustainable Future**," features environmental activist and actor **Ed Begley, Jr.**, as the keynote speaker. Begley starred as Dr. Victor Ehrlich in the medical drama *St. Elsewhere* and now hosts his own television series about sustainable living, called "Living with Ed." Tickets for the event are available now at [www.CoatesDesign.com](http://www.CoatesDesign.com).

Award-winning architect **Matthew Coates**, founder and principal of **Coates Design**, is recognized by the U.S. Green Building Council as a LEED accredited professional. In 2005, Coates won the Cradle-to-Cradle Home Competition, an international design competition that attracted over 700 entrants from 42 different countries. In 2007, Coates was profiled by the American Institute of Architects in their national publication. This summer, **Coates Design** will participate in "*New Edge, New Blood*," a showcase of innovative design work by leading architectural firms, curated by the Seattle chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

**Coates Design** has several projects under development, including the Bainbridge Art Museum, the Island Gateway Sustainable Development, and the "Grow" Affordable Housing Community Development. Recently completed projects include the Kids Discovery Museum, a children's museum on Bainbridge Island, designed to achieve LEED® Gold Certification. **Coates Design** is rapidly developing a sterling reputation for progressive design and innovative material use to achieve the highest standards in environmentally sustainable and conscious architecture. **Coates Design** was founded in 2004 and has offices in Seattle and on Bainbridge Island.

**Leading the Way Toward a Sustainable Future with Ed Begley, Jr. and Matthew Coates.** Tuesday, July 27, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Town Hall, Seattle. 1119 8th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101. Tickets, \$8.00, on sale now at [www.CoatesDesign.com](http://www.CoatesDesign.com). Info, (206) 819-3618

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(4) Attachments:  
Ed Begley, Jr. Photo  
"Leading the Way Toward a Sustainable Future" Event Flyer  
Rendering of the Ellis Residence  
Coates Design Team Photo

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