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Home Theaters Take Center Stage

(NAPSA)—Home theaters are quickly growing in popularity among families all over America.

Consumer studies show many American families consider the favorite room in the house to be where the home theater is installed. One research group found that families with home theaters tend to spend more time together, enjoying their home entertainment systems.

As more families become serious about their home theaters, more people are dedicating entire rooms to their home theater experience. If you're one of the thousands who believes there's no place like home for entertainment, these tips for putting together a home theater should be a hit:

Shop For Integrated Systems. It's a good idea to buy home equipment that can be hooked-up together and operated with one remote control.

Consider The Multitude Of Multi-Media Options. Computers, televisions, video games, and so much more are available to enhance the home theater experience. See what's out there and then make an informed purchasing decision.

Don't Be Worried By New Products. New technologies such as HDTV are coming rapidly, but most likely won't make your home theater obsolete over night.

Plan Professionally. Professional groups such as the Custom Electronic Design and Installation Association (CEDIA) can offer sound advice to homeowners regarding their audio and video equipment. The Association's pro-



Home theater systems are a great way to bring a family together.

professionals can discuss home theater options and designs for a house. In addition, the group installs equipment and provides in-home service, should any problems arise.

Try Before You Buy. Experts recommend purchasing equipment from dealers who will let you try out the entire system before you take it home.

Simplify Your System. Using an all-in-one remote control to operate separate parts of an entertainment system can save you time and aggravation.

Plan For The Future. If you are building or remodeling a home, it may be a good idea to wire it with a plan for future entertainment and communication needs.

Don't Buy Yesterday's Products. If there are stacks of components on the shelves at discount prices, there's probably a good reason.

For more information or to find a designer/installer in your area, visit www.cedia.org.