

Soul Of Saturday Night Production Receives "Best In Show" Award

UCSD-TV and Malashock Dance Share Platinum Aurora Honor

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University of California, San Diego Television (UCSD-TV) and Malashock Dance have been awarded a Platinum "Best of Show" Aurora Award for outstanding achievement and broadcast/cable excellence. The program receiving the honor is *The Soul of Saturday Night*, produced by UCSD-TV's John Menier and John Malashock of Malashock Dance. The Aurora Award winners were announced earlier this month.

"We are delighted that our programs continue to receive such high acclaim, both by winning awards and garnering praise from our viewers," said Lynn Burnstan, Managing Director of UCSD-TV.

The Soul of Saturday Night, a witty and imaginative dance narrative, is set to the music of Tom Waits and was shot at various locations around San Diego. *The Soul of Saturday Night* is a co-production of UCSD-TV and Malashock Dance. Though UCSD-TV and director John Menier have taped several previous Malashock stage productions for television, *The Soul of Saturday Night* marked an evolution in the partnership of the two companies as their first ever dance-for-camera project.

"It is a great honor to win "Best in Show" in a competition as highly respected as the Aurora Awards," says John Menier, UCSD-TV producer and director of *The Soul of Saturday Night*. "It was truly a team effort by some talented and dedicated professionals, and it represents the type of quality we plan to continue bringing our viewers."

This latest achievement comes just as Malashock Dance and UCSD-TV embark on their next project entitled "Love and Murder," a new dance-for-film featuring the music of Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds. "Love and Murder" is a dark, driving, yet humorous trip into the heads of those whose line between fantasy and reality is so blurred that "right and wrong" is just an abstract concept.

The Aurora award adds to the collection of honors earned by *The Soul of Saturday Night*, which already includes two Emmys, a platinum Remi, a gold Telly and a NATOA Star award.

The Aurora Awards is an international competition with entries from across the US, and abroad. These awards are designed to recognize excellence in the film and video industries, specifically targeting programs focused on regional or special interest entertainment. Competitors come from private and corporate production groups, advertising agencies and television stations throughout the country.

Malashock Dance is supported, in part, by the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture, the County of San Diego Community Enhancement Fund and the California Arts Council. For more information about Malashock Dance, please contact (619) 260-1622 or visit the website at www.malashockdance.org.

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