



## San Diego State University School of Music and Dance Outstanding Alumni Awards

### **Purpose of the Awards:**

To publicly recognize and promote the accomplishments and contributions of alumni who graduated from a School of Music and Dance degree program.

### **Process:**

Nominations may be submitted by current and former faculty of the School of Music and Dance (SMD), alumni, or current students who have completed a minimum of three semesters as a major in the School. Deadline for nominations is March 1, 2011. Nominees will be asked to provide the reviewing committee with a current biography and resume or materials outlining their professional background and accomplishments (*must be received no later than March 7, 2011.*) Nominations and support materials should be submitted electronically to: Donna Conaty, Director, [dconaty@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:dconaty@mail.sdsu.edu).

### **General Criteria for Selection:**

Any alumnus of the School of Music and Dance is eligible to be nominated. The reviewing committee will place priority on nominees whose background, accomplishments and body of work or potential are truly exemplary. See the specific award for detailed criteria.

One individual from a music program and one individual from a dance program may be recognized for each award. Awardees must be available to attend the annual honor's convocation held in May. The 2011 event is scheduled for the afternoon of May 15. Those who are selected for recognition, but who cannot attend the annual convocation may delay their award up to one year if approved by the School's review committee and director.

### **I. OUTSTANDING ALUMNI IN MUSIC & DANCE**

A candidate for the award of *Outstanding Alumni in Music & Dance* is an individual who graduated no less than (five) years prior to their nomination. Their accomplishments in music or dance reflect individual distinction in the profession and they will have a sustained record of service and/or leadership in the arts.

### **II. ALUMNI TO WATCH**

A candidate for the award of *Alumni to Watch in Music & Dance* is an individual who graduated no more than five years prior to their nomination. They must have a growing record of professional accomplishment in the field of music or dance indicating clear promise for future distinction in the arts.