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VES Hosts Awards

The Visual Effects Society (VES) will hold the 1st Annual VES Awards February 19, 2003. The VES Awards will honor excellence for visual effects in feature films, television, commercials and music videos. The Awards will be a black tie dinner event at the Ahmanson Ballroom in the Skirball Cultural Center.

"This is our first year, and it will serve as a test for the VES and our awards process. Much like visual effects, our awards are a 'work in progress'. Over the next few years, VES will expand the content. For example, VES intends to add additional categories covering large format/special venue and gaming within two years." states Jeff Okun, VES Awards Chair and Board Member.

According to Tom Atkin, VES Executive Director, "We want this to be the annual event for our members to celebrate the great work done in visual effects. Moreover, we want our members and guests to have a wonderful evening, and to that end we will have some cool surprises".

For information about the VES 1st Annual Awards go to www.visualeffectssociety.com.

The Visual Effects Society is the world's largest organization of distinguished visual effects professionals. Founded in 1997 as a non profit entity, VES has over 750 global members from countries including the United States, United Kingdom, Italy, France, Germany, Australia, Mexico, Greece, Japan, New Zealand, Canada and more.

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