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Emmy nomination for former UMMer

Summary: Former UMM student, Brent Roske, was nominated for an Emmy for a series he co-produced, titled "Sophie Chase." Roske attended UMM from 1992-1994.

(April 27, 2006)-If you watch television even occasionally, you may have heard someone say: " The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences has announced six nominees for the inaugural Emmy award for...(fill in the category of your choice)." This year, in the category of "original entertainment programming created specifically for nontraditional viewing platforms," you may have heard the name of a former University of Minnesota, Morris student.

Brent Roske, now creative director of Skycastle Entertainment in Burbank, Calif., was nominated for an Emmy for a series he co-produced, titled "Sophie Chase." Roske attended UMM from 1992-1994.

'Sophie Chase' -- "a kind of 'Alias'-like program," said Roske, was nominated alongside Fox's '24', 'Live8 on AOL' and MTV's 'Stand In.' All nominees were original material made for broadband or mobile formats.

The award in this new category was presented at the 33rd annual Creative Arts Daytime Emmy kudofest, hosted by Meredith Vieira, on April 22 at GothamGotham's Marriott Marquis.

"The AOL people got the award," shared Roske, "but we had a good time."

"I made my very first movie – 'Black-Eyed Suzanne' -- while at UMM," said Roske. " He recalled his former theater faculty mentors, Ray Lammers, George Fosgate and Tap Payne, as being instrumental in helping to shape his current career.

"Sophie Chase," by Roske and Chuck Bowman, has already won the Audience Choice Award at NATPE (The National Association of Television Program Executives) 2006. The Audience Choice Award was selected by the NATPE Mobile audience after viewing selected clips of the nominated films, and then text messaging their winning selection to be counted live, on-site.

Read more about "Sophie Chase" by visiting www.sophiechase.com/.

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