

Discreet Salutes MTV Video Music Awards 2002 Nominees; Three of Four Nominees in `Best Special Effects' Category Used flame Visual Effects System

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SAN FRANCISCO, Aug 29, 2002 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- When the winners of the MTV Video Music Awards (VMAs) are announced at Radio City Music Hall in New York City on Thursday night, August 29th, chances are one sure-fire winner will be visual effects technology company Discreet, a division of Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq:ADSK). Discreet's flagship visual effects system, flame, was used in the creation of three of the four 2002 nominees for Best Special Effects in a Video, including:

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    Will Smith -- "Black Suits Comin' (Nod Your Head)"
        Special Effects: Eric Swenson, Collin Strause and Greg Strause
        (Hydraulx)
    P.O.D. -- "Alive"
        Special Effects: Greg and Collin Strause(Formerly of Pixel
        Envy and now with Hydraulx)
    Missy "MisDemeanor" Elliott featuring Ludacris & Trina -- "One
        Minute Man"
        Special Effects: Nathan McGuinness (Asylum) and Marc Varisco
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Other MTV award-nominated videos that flame helped ignite include Kylie Minogue's "Can't Get You Out Of My Head" (Best Dance Video) and No Doubt's "Hey Baby" (Best Group Video).

No blushing ingenue, Discreet's flame has been a rock-solid performer in the music video world for the past decade. Since 1992, flame has been the industry-standard for the digital artists who make music video magic for such headliners as Sound Garden, Metallica, U2, Fat Boy Slim, Alanis Morrissette and Ozzy Osbourne. Itself the recipient of dozens of industry awards, including an Academy Award, flame has been used in hundreds of music videos including such classics as The Rolling Stones "Love is Strong" to Madonna's "Bedtime Stories."

"We wish all of this year's MTV Video Music Awards' nominees, and the visual artists who support them, the very best of luck," said Paul Lypaczewski, Discreet general manager and executive vice president of Autodesk, Inc. "We are proud to continue to play a role in providing technology that helps film and video artists create outstanding, award-winning visual experiences."

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Discreet empowers moving media professionals to realize the visual experience, transforming their most evocative and ambitious visions into reality. Its range of award-winning systems and software is developed for digital media creation, management and delivery -- across all disciplines from visual effects and editing to animation, game development, web and interactive. Discreet is based in Montreal, Quebec and is a division of Autodesk, Inc, the world's leading design and digital media creation, management, and distribution company. Product and corporate information is located on the Internet at www.discreet.com.

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