



Discreet Congratulates Visual Effects Oscar Winner -- Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring

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WETA, Digital Domain, Animal Logic, Oktobor, Rhythm & Hues and GMD Used Discreet inferno Software to Generate Complex Academy Award-Winning Visuals

Discreet, a division of Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq:ADSK), today congratulates WETA, Digital Domain, Animal Logic, Oktobor, Rhythm & Hues and GMD for winning the Academy Award for Best Visual Effects for Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring. These studios created the visually stunning effects in the film, including the scenes where the Orcs are reviving the Balrog, as well as the brilliantly rendered tidal wave resembling a stampede of horses, using Discreet inferno visual effects software and compositing system. The talented artists honored last night demonstrated that they have what it takes to realistically create the entire fantasy world of Middle-earth -- true to J.R.R. Tolkien's vision.

"Discreet is thrilled to congratulate WETA, Digital Domain, Animal Logic, Oktobor, Rhythm & Hues and GMD on winning the Academy Award for Visual Effects for Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring last night," said Paul Lypaczewski, general manager of Discreet and executive vice president, Autodesk, Inc. "Discreet has the privilege of working with so many talented visual effects artists and post production facilities -- and we take great pride and satisfaction in seeing them achieve this success."

Discreet continually strives to provide artists everywhere with the software and systems to bring their creative visions to life. As post-production houses are tasked with using visual effects to produce the perfect scenes for films -- Discreet continues to provide the best solutions to help them achieve their goals and win awards.

For more stunning visual effects in 2002, stay tuned for the summer blockbuster films, Scooby-Doo and Spider-Man, both of which include spectacular effects created by visual artists using Discreet software.

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