

The Promise Keeper Movie Nominated for Outstanding Actor, Director and Feature

CHICAGO, IL. October 16, 2006 – “The African American Arts Association of Chicago has nominated Ric Walker for Outstanding Actor, Martin Whitehead for Outstanding Director, and The Promise Keeper movie for outstanding feature” said Gregory Whitehead, executive producer of Woolly Head Productions’ first feature film. “I am delighted for Ric, Martin, and the entire cast and crew of the film” said Whitehead from his office on North Dearborn. “It’s gratifying to see the film and these two talented artists recognized with this prestigious nomination,” Whitehead added. In the supernatural mystery/drama, a Chicago attorney races to stop a supernatural creature before it destroys his life and his daughter for their broken promises.

The Promise Keeper Movie

After an unusual statue arrives in a Chicago law firm, three attorneys fall under the influence of a supernatural entity. When one of the lawyers is killed, the burden falls on the founding partner, Bernard Gregory, played by Ric Walker, to unravel the mystery. Along the way, Bernard discovers that his 14-year-old daughter Tina has driven a nail and sworn a sacred oath. The lives of everyone that Bernard loves depend on what he does next. “This film’s premise is fantastic,” beamed Whitehead. His Chicago law firm is one of the locations in the film.

Ric Walker

“This is a great moment in my career” said Ric Walker about his nomination for outstanding actor. Walker is a well-know stage actor on the Chicago Theatre scene who currently stars in an Improvised Shakespeare Company production at Chicago’s historic IO Theatre. “To be recognized for portraying a professional man and loving father, I couldn’t be more proud.”

Martin Whitehead

“As a first time feature director, I’m delighted to have our film recognized by The African American Arts Association of Chicago,” said Whitehead. An award winning producer, Whitehead is currently fielding distribution offers for the project. “It’s an honor for me to be associated with this nomination and the entire cast and crew of The Promise Keeper,” Whitehead added. Whitehead is currently in development on two additional projects: a drama in partnership with famous Filipino screenwriter Peter Ong Lim and an eagerly anticipated second feature length thriller.

Awards and Recognition

The Promise Keeper movie premiered this year at Los Angeles’ Pan African Film Festival at Magic Johnson Theatres and has screened at Hollywood Black Film Festival, Boston’s Roxbury Film Festival, The San Francisco Black Film Festival, Atlanta’s National Black Arts Festival and the prestigious Black Harvest International Festival of Film and Video Festival at The Gene Siskel Film Center, a state-of-the-art facility in downtown Chicago. The Promise Keeper movie was also nominated for the prestigious Melvin Van Peebles Maverick Award earlier this year.

The African American Arts Alliance of Chicago

The African American Arts Alliance of Chicago is a service organization dedicated to developing, strengthening and promoting the African American artists and arts organizations in Chicago. The association’s 2006 Excellence Awards and Gala will take place on Monday, October 23, 2006 at the DuSable Museum of African American History, located 740 E. 56th Place in the Illinois Black Legislator Auditorium. The Awards and Gala is a black tie event. To learn more about The African American Arts Alliance of Chicago and reserve tickets for the event visit www.africanamericanartsalliancechicago.org.

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