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### UNCHARTED 2: AMONG THIEVES BREAKS AWAY AND FLEES WITH 10 AWARDS DURING THE 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INTERACTIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

LAS VEGAS – February 18, 2010 – Escaping with10 outstanding awards, Uncharted 2: Among Thieves (Sony Computer Entertainment) ran over the competition at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Interactive Achievement Awards<sup>®</sup>. Hosted by stand-up comedian and video game enthusiast Jay Mohr at the Red Rock Resort in Las Vegas, the evening brought together renowned leaders from the gaming industry to recognize their outstanding achievements and contributions to the space.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Interactive Achievement Awards honored successful game designer and Activision co-founder, David Crane with the AIAS' first Pioneer Award. Entertainment Software Association (ESA) founder, Douglas Lowenstein was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Gaming legend behind successful titles, *Crash Bandicoot* and *Spyro the Dragon*, Mark Cerny, was inducted into the Hall of Fame, one of the organization's highest honors.

"The interactive world continues to grow and move forward every day. While we have seen tremendous advances in the community, I believe this is only the beginning," said Joseph Olin, president, AIAS. "With the help of the tremendously talented men and women here tonight, we will continue to create games that inspire each other to continue pushing the envelope."

These peer-based awards recognize the outstanding products, talented individuals and development teams that have contributed to the advancement of the multi-billion dollar worldwide entertainment software industry. The winners in each category are as follows:

#### Game of the Year:

#### **Uncharted 2: Among Thieves**

 Publisher: Sony Computer Entertainment

Developer: Naughty Dog
Producer: Sam Thompson
Creative Director: Amy Hennig
Game Director: Bruce Straley

### Outstanding Achievement in Game Direction

#### **Uncharted 2: Among Thieves**

 Publisher: Sony Computer Entertainment

Developer: Naughty Dog
Producer: Sam Thompson
Creative Director: Amy Hennig
Game Director: Bruce Straley

### Casual Game of the Year Flower

 Publisher: Sony Computer Entertainment America

Developer: thatgamecompanyProducer: Kellee SantiagoCreative Director: Jenova Chen

### Role-Playing/Massively Multiplayer Game of the Year

**Dragon Age: Origins** 

Publisher: Electronic ArtsDeveloper: BiowareProducer: Mark Darrah

Creative Director: Mike LaidlawGame Director: Mark Darrah

### Racing Game of the Year Forza Motorsport 3

Publisher: Microsoft Game Studios

Developer: Turn 10 Studios
 Producer: Korey Krauskopf
 Creative Director: John Wendl
 Game Director: Dan Greenawalt

### Adventure Game of the Year Uncharted 2: Among Thieves

 Publisher: Sony Computer Entertainment

Developer: Naughty Dog
Producer: Sam Thompson
Creative Director: Amy Hennig
Game Director: Bruce Straley

### Strategy/Simulation Game of the Year Brütal Legend

Publisher: Electronic Arts

Developer: Double Fine Productions

Producer: Caroline Esmurdoc
Creative Director: Tim Schafer
Game Director: Tim Schafer

### Fighting Game of the Year Street Fighter IV

Publisher: CapcomDeveloper: CapcomProducer: Yoshinori Ono

### Sports Game of the Year FIFA Soccer 10

Publisher: Electronic ArtsDeveloper: EA CanadaProducer: David Rutter

Creative Director: Gary Paterson
Game Director: Kaz Makita

### Outstanding Achievement in Game Design Batman: Arkham Asylum

 Publisher: Eidos/Warner Bros Interactive Entertainment

Developer: Rocksteady StudiosLead Level Designer: Ian Ball

### Social Networking Game of the Year

Farmville

Publisher: ZyngaDeveloper: ZyngaProducer: David Gray

Creative Director: Mark SkaggsGame Director: Bill Mooney

### Action Game of the Year Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2

Publisher: Activision
Developer: Infinity Ward
Producer: Mark Rubin
Game Director: Jason West

#### Family Game of the Year

#### The Beatles: Rock Band

- Publisher: MTV Games
- Developer: Harmonix Music Systems
- Producers: Paul DeGooyer, Jeff Jones, Alex Rigopulos
- Creative Director: Chris FosterGame Director: Josh Randall

### Outstanding Achievement in Animation Uncharted 2: Among Thieves

- Publisher: Sony Computer Entertainment
- Developer: Naughty Dog
- Lead Animators: Josh Scherr, Jeremy Lai-Yates, Mike Yosh

# Outstanding Achievement in Art Direction: Uncharted 2: Among Thieves

- Publisher: Sony Computer Entertainment
- Developer: Naughty Dog
- Art Directors: Erick Pangilinan, Robh Ruppel

#### Outstanding Character Performance Batman: Arkham Asylum – Joker

- Publisher: Eidos/Warner Bros Interactive Entertainment
- Developer: Rocksteady StudiosWriters: Paul Dini. Paul Crocker
- Voice Actor: Mark Hamill

### Outstanding Achievement in Story - Original

#### **Uncharted 2: Among Thieves**

- Publisher: Sony Computer Entertainment
- Developer: Naughty Dog
- Writers: Amy Hennig, Neil Druckmann, Josh Scherr

### Outstanding Innovation in Gaming Scribblenauts

- Publisher: Warner Bros. Interactive Entertainment
- Developer: 5<sup>th</sup> Cell Media
- Producer: Joseph M. Tringali
- Creative Director: Jeremiah SlaczkaGame Director: Jeremiah Slaczka

### Outstanding Achievement in Visual Engineering

#### **Uncharted 2: Among Thieves**

- Publisher: Sony Computer Entertainment
- Developer: Naughty Dog
- Technology Director: Pal-Kristian Engstad

#### <u>Outstanding Achievement in Story -</u> <u>Adapted</u>

#### Batman: Arkham Asylum

- Publisher: Eidos/Warner Bros Interactive Entertainment
- Developer: Rocksteady Studios
- Writers: Paul Dini, Paul Crocker

### Outstanding Achievement in Online Game Play

#### Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2

Publisher: Activision
Developer: Infinity Ward
Lead Online Designer: Todd Alderman

# Outstanding Achievement in Original Music Composition

#### **Uncharted 2: Among Thieves**

- Publisher: Sony Computer Entertainment
- Developer: Naughty DogComposer: Greg Edmonson

# Outstanding Achievement in Soundtrack Brütal Legend

• Publisher: Electronic Arts

• Developer: Double Fine Productions

Music Supervisor: Emily Ridgway

# Outstanding Achievement in Game Play Engineering

#### **Uncharted 2: Among Thieves**

 Publisher: Sony Computer Entertainment

Developer: Naughty Dog
 Lead Game Play Programmer: Travis
 McIntosh

### Outstanding Achievement in Sound Design Uncharted 2: Among Thieves

 Publisher: Sony Computer Entertainment

Developer: Naughty Dog

Sound Designer/Audio Lead: Bruce Swanson

# Outstanding Achievement in Portable Game Design Scribblenauts

 Publisher: Warner Bros. Interactive Entertainment

Developer: 5<sup>th</sup> Cell Media
Lead Level Designer: Matt Cox

#### Portable Game of the Year

#### **Scribblenauts**

 Publisher: Warner Bros. Interactive Entertainment

Developer: 5<sup>th</sup> Cell Media
Producer: Joseph M. Tringali

Creative Director: Jeremiah SlaczkaGame Director: Jeremiah Slaczka

Since 1996, the Interactive Achievement Awards have recognized outstanding games, individuals and development teams that have contributed to the advancement of the multi-billion dollar worldwide entertainment software industry. More than 160 titles were played and evaluated by members of the Academy's Peer Panels. The panels are comprised of the game industry's most experienced and talented men and women. Each panel is responsible for evaluating one award category. Interactive Achievement Award recipients are determined by a vote of qualified Academy and IGDA members. Award voting is confidential, conducted online and supervised and certified by VoteNet Solutions, Inc. The integrity of the system, coupled with a broad-based voting population of AIAS members, makes the Interactive Achievement Awards the most credible, respected and recognized awards for interactive entertainment software.

#### About the D.I.C.E. Summit:

The D.I.C.E. Summit is a high-level interactive entertainment industry conference that brings together the top video game designers and developers from around the world and business leaders from all the major publishers to discuss the state of the industry, its trends and the future. The three-day event will be held in Las Vegas, at the upscale Red Rock Resort, February 17-19, 2010. Please visit <a href="http://www.dicesummit.org">http://www.dicesummit.org</a> for more information.

#### **About the Academy of Interactive Arts & Sciences**

The Academy of Interactive Arts & Sciences (AIAS) was founded in 1996 as a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the advancement and recognition of the interactive arts. The Academy's mission is to promote and advance common interests in the worldwide interactive entertainment community; recognize outstanding achievements in the interactive arts and

sciences; and conduct an annual awards show (Interactive Achievement Awards) to enhance awareness of the interactive art form. The Academy also strives to provide a voice for individuals in the interactive entertainment community. In 2002 the Academy created the D.I.C.E. (Design, Innovate, Communicate, Entertain) Summit, a once yearly conference dedicated to exploring approaches to the creative process and artistic expression as they uniquely apply to the development of interactive entertainment. The Academy has over 20,000 members, with the board comprised of senior executives from the major videogame companies including BioWare/Pandemic, Electronic Arts, Microsoft, Nintendo, Sony and Ubisoft. More information on AIAS and the D.I.C.E. Summit can be found at <a href="http://www.interactive.org">http://www.interactive.org</a> and <a href="http://www.interactive.org">http://www.interactive.org</a> and <a href="http://www.dicesummit.org">http://www.interactive.org</a> and <a href="http://www.dicesummit.org">http://www.dicesummit.org</a>.

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