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CSU Professor Wins International Best Film/Video award from German Cinema Organization

CHICAGO – Associate Professor Nate Grant of Chicago State University recently won the 24th Black International Cinema’s Best Film/Video by a Black Filmmaker award. For over 19 years this German Interdisciplinary/International Film/Video Cinema Organization has recognized talented individuals across the world for their stellar work.

The Black International Cinema and Fountainhead® Tanz Theatre is produced by The Collegium-Forum & Television Program Berlin and is the group that bestowed this honor to Professor Grant for his dedication to culture. When asked how he felt about the award, Grant said, “It’s always good to be recognized by your peers.”

Head of the Chicago State University Media Services Department, Grant’s directorial documentary “What Shall I Tell My Children Who Are Black: The Legacy of Margaret T.G. Burroughs” is the film entered in this category that has now landed Grant international recognition.

Margaret Burroughs is the founder of the DuSable Museum, the world’s first African-American history museum, established in the living room of her home. Burroughs is also the co-founder of the South Side Community Center. The documentary also features notable community leaders U.S. Representative Danny Davis, Dr. Anderson Thomas, Dr. Robert Starks, Tim Black and Haki Madhubuti.

"I chose to create this documentary on Dr. Burroughs to keep our youth culturally educated and to provide a community balance in the media that mainstream media does not provide,” said Grant. “Dr. Burroughs is a hidden jewel in the community among the youth and the world needs to be educated on her outstanding accomplishments.”
Grant currently teaches a motion picture class depicting African-Americans for CSU’s African-American Studies Department. Grant has many years of experience, directing and producing film and television projects in more than 38 countries, and over 30 U.S. cities, for clients such as Sears and United Airlines just to name a few.

Other accomplishments include designing and developing for the Chicago Public Schools, the full color television studio at Hyde Park High School and the television curriculum for Corliss High School. Grant is the president of Lake Shore Film & Television Productions, a media production company based in Olympia Fields, Illinois that was established in 1984. Grant holds a B.A. degree in Fine Arts, Southern Illinois University, an M.A. degree in Mass Media Communication, Governors State University and a Ph.D. in Media Communication (Candidate) Purdue University.

The Collegium-Forum & Television Program Berlin is an international, intercultural community of persons engaged in achieving increasing understanding and cooperation between individuals and groups in support of democratic procedures and the elimination of violence, religious, ethnic and gender persecution, youth exploitation, homophobia and racial hatred through the process of art, education, culture and dialogue.