

2007 Hub Choice Awards Show Shout-outs



Dr. and Mrs. Bean



Derrick Miller, Corey Crenshaw, Darnell Miller



Mr. and Mrs. Lance Washington



Eddie Robinson with Pleshette Robertson



Carl Thomas with Pleshete Robertson and Latishia Futrell



Lil' Sac All Stars



Never Been Done



Winners, Best Dance Team, Sac All Stars



Winner, Best Doctor, Barbara Nash and Carl Thomas.



Carl Thomas with the original Hub Choice Models, Tiffany, Laresa and Tanisha

"I'm proud to see how far Sac Hub has come. I met Pleshette at an African-American faculty and staff gathering for UC Davis and UC Davis MED Center. I introduced myself to her, and Pleshette told me about what she was going to be starting here in Sacramento. I praised her for this, and she has been quite successful.

"I remember when I signed up on Pleshette's e-mail list. I told several colleagues about her and forwarded information to everyone I knew. I also attended events Pleshette promoted to support what she believed in.

"And now look where she is. Everyone knows about Sac Hub. Pleshette, my blessings to you and keep up the good work. You and your staff have grown so much, from the Web site design, layout, contacts, events and best of all—the first-annual Hub Choice Awards. That is awesome!

"Keep informing us about the Sacramento-area events and promoting events. Much is needed in this area."

—Delores

"Great show. The Hub awards show was big, big, big. That was the beginning of a great future.

"I am sure the show was a blessing to the award winners and nominees, as well as those who were present. Any negative feedback should draw a positive response for the next show. I rate it AAA for Oak Park. I felt like I was somewhere in Hollywood with the stars."

—William

"I just wanted to say that the event went very well! I had a great time in assisting in the inauguration of what I think will be a great showcase for the African-American community. You might not recognize the name, but I'm Tolifer's friend (the evil trainer, LOL! I'm not that bad. Anyway, I heard nothing but good things the whole night. I didn't make the after party. That kind of thing really isn't my scene, but I heard everyone tore it up! I hope you can get some rest now that it's over and take a break. Stay lifted."

—Zhimmithee Banks

"Good Job on the awards show! It was very nice. Great job!"

—Maeola Doran

"I enjoyed the awards show last weekend. I never heard of Sacculturalhub.com until last week. I am so happy to know that my city is doing big things finally! LOL! I would like to get involved, volunteer for events, etc. Please contact me if I can help. God bless you, girl!"

—Tasha

"I want to tell you how proud I am of you. Your awards show was a success! I see your vision and where you're trying to go. My hat goes off to you and your staff."

—Will Whitlock

"The awards show was so good! I had tons of fun. Can't wait until next year!"

—Mioshi Jackson

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The Highlights—2007 Hub Choice Awards

See all photos from The Hub Choice Awards posted in The Hub's photo gallery at <http://sacub.smugmug.com>.

by **Donna Michele Ramos**, senior staff writer

Founder of Sacculturalhub.com, Pleshette Robertson, has come a long way, baby!

Robertson's latest venture, the 2007 Hub Choice Awards, gave her the opportunity to honor Sacramento's urban leadership, recognizing African-American professionals in more than 25 categories.

"Sacculturalhub.com seeks to place African-Americans in the most-positive light, with emphasis on unity, progress and professionalism! This first-ever 2007 Hub Choice Awards are an expansion of how important

and influential our culture has become," says Robertson.

Because of the creation of the awards show, Robertson is filling a need that no one else has met. She is giving local African-Americans a say in who they feel is deserving of recognition, as well as many more reasons to be proud of the heritage and numerous constructive accomplishments that would otherwise go unannounced and possibly unnoticed.

The awards show was co-produced by Rick Warren Media, and couldn't have been possible without The Hub star sponsor partners: **V101.1, Eminent Entertainment, G.M.A.C, V. Sheree Communications and www.mybr.net.**

Local star power shined, as Adrienne Bankert, KCRA3 traffic reporter/anchor, Corey Crenshaw, of BET's Comic View, and Tommie Goss, 103.5 The Bomb's Gospel Express radio host, kept this first-time awards show lively, funny and on track. There were also performances by Grammy nominee Carl Thomas and Amar Khalil of Toni Tony Tone.

The entertainment was also very good, particularly the juvenile dance teams—especially the tiny tots who stole the show. Front 'N Center, Never Done Before and Sac All-Stars dance teams did their thing—and did it well.

The Garrett Perkins Project did a phenomenal job providing music that dared you to keep still. The red goody bags

were a great surprise. The hostesses were a nice touch; ladies you looked beautiful.

Even a cold auditorium couldn't stop the hot time had by all. Never before has a red carpet welcomed us average folks, with not one, but two photos to capture our arrivals. We all felt special that night, didn't we?

I will admit; it gave the diva in me a thrill, too. Who doesn't like to get dressed up and have his or her picture taken? I'm sure we're all guilty as charged—and that's not a bad thing.

As if all this was not enough, there was an after party at MVP Sports Grill and Lounge, located on Capital Avenue, in downtown Sac.

The Winners—2007 Hub Choice Awards:

- Tavia Jenkins—Best Hairstylist
- Tyrone Williams—Best Barber
- Pastor Phillip Goudeaux—Best Pastor
- Bayside of South Sacramento (BOSS)—Best Church
- Superior Auto—Best Place to Buy A Car
- Sacramento Observer—Best Magazine/Newspaper
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority—Best Association Group
- KBMB 103.5—Best Radio Station
- Tommie Goss—Best Radio Personality
- Darla Givens—Best News Broadcaster
- Starbuck's—Best Coffee Shop
- Shonna McDaniels—Best Artist
- Dr. Barbara Nash—Best Doctor
- Bunmi Awoniyi—Best Attorney
- Kevin Johnson—Best Civil Rights Activist
- Dr. Temeca Richardson—Best Principal
- Terry Moore—Best Poet
- Flo-Real—Best Singer
- Sandra Dee's Seafood & BBQ—Best BBQ
- Sandra Dee's Seafood & BBQ—Best Soul Food
- Sac All Stars—Best Dance Team
- Ron Artest—Best Pro Athlete
- Tunel 21—Best Place to Party
- Brandon T—Best Comedian
- Zoritha Thompson—Best Real Estate Professional
- Dr. Ronald Blanchette—Best Dentist
- Brother's Place—Best Barbershop
- Another Look Hair Salon—Best Hair Salon
- J. Gib—Best Rapper



The Citizenship Award Special Presentation—2007 Hub Choice Awards

Betty Williams—President of the Sacramento NAACP

Thanks to the Production Team—2007 Hub Choice Awards

- Tolifer Denise—Awards Show Event Director and Executive Assistant
- Dennis Austin—Stage Producer and Manager
- Carol Kennedy—Assistant Stage Manager
- Kim Bailey—Assistant Stage Manager
- Kenyon Hill—Assistant Stage Manager
- Eddie Robinson—Marketing Director
- Michael Blair—Onsite Will Call Tickets Manager
- Toria Wyrick and Vicki Williams—Onsite Ticket Sales Staff

Entire Event Team of Staff Members and Volunteers of the Awards Show Committee Staff Writers of Sacculturalhub.com Urban Entertainment Magazine

Big Shout of Thank-yous to the Emcees and Performers—2007 Hub Choice Awards

- Corey Crenshaw—Guest Emcee and Comedian
- Tommie Goss—Celebrity Host and Emcee
- Adrienne Bankert—Celebrity Host and Emcee
- The Garrett Perkins Jazz Project—Musical Band
- Carl Thomas—Celebrity Guest Performer
- Amar Khalil—Celebrity Guest Performer
- Front 'N Center—Dance Team Performers
- Sac Allstars—Dance Team Performers
- Never Been Done—Dance Team Performers

Appreciations to Behind The Scenes Community Support

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- The Vault—Presale Ticket Location
- Underground Books—Presale Ticket Location
- Diversity Salon & Spa—Presale Ticket Location
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Grammy Nominee Carl Thomas Performs at 2007 Hub Choice Awards Show

by Donna Michele Ramos, senior staff writer

Those who attended the 2007 Hub Choice Awards Show and After Party got a special treat—the chance to see a performance of, as well as hang out with, R&B singer Carl Thomas.

A 10-year veteran in the music industry and Chicago native, Thomas, 35, entertained award-show attendees and made an appearance at the after party.

Thomas' music has been described as neo soul, urban and contemporary, and he is generous on his albums, giving listeners 16 to 18 tracks. The sexy singer is known for popular hits, such as "I Wish," "Summer Rain" and "Emotional" from his 1999 platinum debut album.

In 2004, Thomas released "Let's Talk About It," which went gold and featured rap vocals by LL Cool J on the "She Is" cut.

Once listed on Bad Boy's roster as one of P Diddy's artists, Thomas left the record company to pursue



other endeavors. After a brief stint at Umbrella, Thomas is currently at Interscope/Bungalo Records.

Thomas' first album with Interscope/Bungalo Records features Brandy singing backgrounds and some melody on "Somethin' Bout You." Some additional tracks on his new album are: "I Thought You Should Know," "Two Pieces," "One Love" and "Oh No."

Most notably for Thomas, on Dec. 7, 2006 he, along with Chaka Khan, Yolanda Adams and Gerard Levert, was nominated for the song "Everyday (Family Reunion)" from the soundtrack of the Tyler Perry movie, "Madea's Family Reunion."

Thomas also attended the after party at MVP's. There was no pretense whatsoever. I walked up, asked for a picture and was hugged by him so quickly that I never saw it coming—not that it's a bad thing! He not only mingled, but also got on the mic and kept the party going.

If you were there, you had a good time. If you were not, you missed a party! ■



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"Congrats on the success of your first-annual awards ceremony! I can't wait to see what it will be like in five years. You have definitely made an impact in the Sacramento community, and are a true blessing from God."

—Shanell

"Premiere Promotions would like to thank all of our friends, new and old, who came out to Sacculturalhub.com's first-inaugural event—2007 Hub Choice Awards and the Hub Choice Awards After Party with special guest—Grammy-nominated artist Carl Thomas.

"It has been our sincere pleasure working with Pleshette Robertson, owner and founder of Sac Cultural Hub (www.sacculturalhub.com). Pleshette and her staff worked tirelessly to bring Sacramento's finest under one roof in celebration and honor. So, we thank Sac Cultural Hub for all that you do in our community and for having the faith to collaborate with Premiere Promotions on this very special event. We are already looking forward to next year's Hub Choice Awards! Congratulations, Pleshette, on a job well done!

"We hope everyone that attended the official after party had a fabulous time. A very special thank-you to Carl Thomas, who came and partied with us all-night long! Talk about rubbing shoulders with an R&B superstar! Carl graciously greeted guests, took photos and partied until the lights came on. We are looking forward to inviting Carl back to Sacramento soon because he is truly a class act. By the way, his latest CD—So Much Better is the Bomb! That is a true Premiere Promotions recommendation!

"We'd also like to give a shout-out to Reese Roundtree on the ones and twos for keeping the party jumping, and Jevity Music Group artists Sene, Ms. Symphony, Import and GR for giving us a taste of some serious local talent.

"Thank you to all our new friends that joined our email list on Saturday night! We want to keep you informed about our special events and recommended events that cater to people like us—positive urban professionals with various gifts and talents in and around Sacramento.

"Be sure to look out for email notifications from Premiere Promotions and feel free to share with a friend."

—Candice, Kelley, Iohla and Yatta, Premiere Promotions, (916) 821-9669, premierepromos@yahoo.com, www.myspace/premierepromos

"Thanks so much for having me. It was a pleasure to be apart of The Sac Hub Awards and to be able to share my gift with Sacramento. My wife and I had a good time. May you and yours have a wonderful Christmas and a blessed new year as well."

—Amar Khalil, lead singer of Toni Tony Tone

"Congratulations on a wonderful event Saturday! Everything seemed to go very well, and Sacramento should really appreciate you stepping up and doing something like this."

—Vicki

"Very unique concept!"

—Krystal Lewis, spa therapist/owner—Kalm Essentials



Carla Preyer with Husband and Friend



Kelley Walker and friend



Winner, Best Hair Salon, Owners Robert and Tracy Brown



Who Are These Pretty Ladies?



Amar Khalil with Wife and Daughter



Bsmoove with Friends



Dr. Terri Speed with Husband



Winner, Best News Broadcaster, Darla Givens with husband



Pat and Twlia



Front 'N Center