

***“Spotlight!”* awarded prestigious Telly Award!**



KCSM-TV’s original, locally-produced public television series, ***“Spotlight!”***, which debuted in October 2008, has been awarded the prestigious Telly Award. Presented by its namesake, the Telly honors the very best local, regional and cable television productions. Judges are top production professionals and past Telly winners with an interest in upholding the historical standard of excellence that the Telly represents.

***“Winning a Telly Award is a tremendous honor. We like to call it the Oscar for our industry,”*** quotes a previous award-winner.

Each ***“Spotlight!”*** episode showcases the work of two aspiring high school movie-makers. Also included is an interview with an adult mentor, a Bay Area film-making professional who provides insight and encourages students to continue their studies in college. The students’ movies are entries in the **College of San Mateo’s Annual High School Film Festival**, also called ***“Spotlight!”*** Festival winners are awarded prizes and scholarships to study at the College of San Mateo, and their movies are broadcast on KCSM-TV as part of the television series.

***“Spotlight!”*** is a smart, important series,” says series host Angie Coiro. With a lifelong interest in film history, Coiro is host of a classic movie series at Moltalvo Arts in Saratoga and of many interview programs on television, radio, and on the stage. “Movies are one of my greatest passions, and it’s intriguing to meet the new generation of film-makers. Viewers will be surprised and impressed with what we learn from them.”

Designed to acknowledge talented high school producers, directors, writers and editors, ***“Spotlight!”*** applauds and encourages young film-makers as they explore career options in the entertainment industry.

Currently in production, KCSM-TV will broadcast a 13-part series beginning October, 2009. This season’s line-up of mentors includes a Visual Effects Supervisor for George Lucas, an Oscar-winning Documentary Producer, and a Prop Maker on The Matrix, demonstrating that employment possibilities in the industry are varied.

Don’t miss the exciting new episodes, only on KCSM-TV!