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**JOHN MALASHOCK “ON THE SPOT” IN THE STUDIO:  
Choreographer Invites Public into Private World of Artistic Trial and Error**

**San Diego, CA, Jan. 10, 2008**—Malashock Dance Artistic Director, John Malashock, with company dancers and renowned Persian composer Shahrokh Yadegari, invite the public into the private world of artistic trial and error as Malashock begins creating choreography for a major new work titled *Stay The Hand*. This is an opportunity to experience the birth of new choreography. The audience watches as dancers mirror what the choreographer creates, “...a mind-boggling moment of muscle memory and sheer skill.”—Pat Launer, *San Diego Theater Scene*. It all happens at Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Road, Studio 200, San Diego 92106 on Friday and Saturday Feb. 1 and 2 at 8 p.m., and Sunday Feb.3 at 7 p.m.

The intimate event is part of Malashock’s Studio Series and includes conversations with the choreographer, the composer and the dancers. “This is an exciting opportunity you won’t get every day.”—Pat Launer, *San Diego Theater Scene*. Tickets at \$15 for adults and \$10 for students are available by calling 619-260-1622 or visiting [www.malashockdance.org](http://www.malashockdance.org).

*Stay The Hand*, a major artistic collaboration by four-time Emmy-winner Malashock and the internationally known Yadegari has its world premiere April 4 – 13 at Birch North Park Theatre. The work melds dance, music, poetry and design to explore ancient Persia’s influence on conflict and harmony in the Middle East.

Discounted pre-sales tickets for *Stay The Hand* ranging from \$20 to \$36 (\$75 for VIP tickets and \$12 to \$18 for student tickets) are available by phone at 619-260-1622, or on line at [www.malashockdance.org](http://www.malashockdance.org) through **March 13 only**. On March 14 ticket prices increase by \$3 each and are available from that date through the Birch North Park Theatre box office at 619-239-8836, or [www.birchnorthparktheatre.net](http://www.birchnorthparktheatre.net).

*Stay The Hand* will be co-directed by Malashock and Yadegari and was co-conceived by Malashock, Yadegari and filmmaker Tara Knight, Visual Arts faculty member at UCSD. Major funding for the project was provided by the James Irvine Foundation. Additional funding for Malashock Dance comes from the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture.

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