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**MALASHOCK DANCE – WORLD PREMIERE UNFOLDS IN THE STUDIO:  
Experience the Evolution of a Major Work in Progress**

**San Diego, CA, Jan. 16, 2008**—Malashock Dance Artistic Director, John Malashock, with company dancers and Persian composer Shahrokh Yadegari, invites the public back into the Malashock studio at Dance Place San Diego to experience the further artistic evolution of *Stay The Hand*, prior to its world premiere performances in April. This will be a studio showing of completed phrases of movement for sections of choreography that are in progress. The evening includes conversations with Malashock, Yadegari and the dancers.

It all happens at Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Road, Studio 200, San Diego 92106 on Friday and Saturday March 7 and 8 at 8 p.m., and Sunday March 9 at 7 p.m. Tickets at \$15 (\$10 for students) are available by calling 619-260-1622 or visiting [www.malashockdance.org](http://www.malashockdance.org). This is a fascinating opportunity to be behind the scenes at the genesis of a major artistic collaboration.

*Stay The Hand* is a poetic meditation on the choice between conflict and harmony expressed through contemporary movement, electronic Persian music and poetry. Four-time Emmy-winner Malashock and internationally renowned composer Yadegari have teamed up to create this stunning original work that delves into powerful cultural traditions. The amazing richness of Persian poetry and music will set the stage for an emotional intermingling of art forms and expression. World premiere performances take place at the Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre April 4 to 13.

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 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 major funding for Malashock Dance comes from the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture.

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