Winners in 24 categories were announced tonight during the LIVE telecast (9:00-11:00 PM ET) of Spike TV "Video Game Awards 2004." Rockstar Games" "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" was the big winner of the second annual awards, taking home four "Vector Monkey" trophies. T he Spike TV "Video Game Awards" were hosted by Snoop Dogg and encore telecasts of the show can be seen on Saturday, Dec. 18 (2:00-4:00 PM, ET/PT & 1:00-3:00 AM, ET/PT) and Monday, Dec. 20 (11:00 PM-1:00 AM, ET/PT).

The winners for the Spike TV Video Game Awards were determined by votes from Spike TV's Advisory Board, made up of a group of gaming industry experts, and consumer voting. Viewers exclusively determined the winner in three award categories - the Fan Favorite awards of "Best Gaming Publication" and "Best Gaming Website" and the Viewers Choice award for "Most Addictive Game."

More than 4.6 million gamers and Spike TV viewers logged on to cast their votes for their favorite games.

In addition to presenting awards for the best games of 2004, the show featured a sneak peek to some of the most anticipated and talked about games for 2005. The Spike TV Video Game Awards 2004 featured the exclusive World Premiere game play & footage of two video games of 2005 -- Midway Games" "Fear & Respect" from John Singelton and Electronic Arts" "The Godfather." Also showcased the upcoming "Need for Speed Underground Rivals" for the Sony PSP, available in 2005.

The show included LIVE musical performance by Snoop Dogg & Pharrell; Motley Crue, Ludacris, Sum 41 and Busta Rhymes, Method Man & Red Man in first- ever "Def Jam: Fight For New York" performance. Celebrity appearances included Brooke Burke, Samuel L. Jackson, Vin Diesel, Green Day, Giovanni Ribisi, Gabrielle Union, Tara Reid, Papa Roach, Tony Hawk, John Singleton, Danny Masterson, Frankie Muniz, Bai Ling, Ron Perlman, Bam Margera, Freddy Adu, Fabolous, Bobby Crosby & Barry Zito and Michelle Rodriguez among others.

Categories and winners for the Spike TV Video Game Awards 2004 are:

GAME OF THE YEAR

Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas (Rockstar Games)

BEST GAME BASED ON A MOVIE

The Chronicles of Riddick: Escape From Butcher Bay (Vivendi Universal

Games)

BEST PERFORMANCE BY A HUMAN - - FEMALE

Brooke Burke - - Need for Speed Underground 2 (Electronic

Arts)

BEST PERFORMANCE BY A HUMAN - - MALE

Samuel L. Jackson - - Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas

(Rockstar Games)

CYBER VIXEN OF THE YEAR

BloodRayne - - BloodRayne 2 (Majesco Games)

BEST DRIVING GAME

Burnout 3: Takedown (Electronic Arts)

BEST SPORTS GAME

Madden NFL 2005 (Electronic Arts)

BEST FIGHTING GAME

Mortal Kombat: Deception (Midway)

BEST ACTION GAME

Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas (Rockstar Games)

BEST FIRST PERSON ACTION

Halo 2 (Microsoft Game Studios)

BEST SONG IN A VIDEO GAME

Green Day "American Idiot" - - Madden NFL 2005

(Electronic Arts)

BEST SOUNDTRACK

Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas (Rockstar Games)

DESIGNER OF THE YEAR

Jason Jones and Bungie Studios, for Halo 2 (Microsoft Game Studios /

Bungie Studios)

MOST ADDICTIVE GAME - - VIEWERS CHOICE

Burnout 3: Takedown (Electronic Arts)

BEST GAMING PUBLICATION - - FAN FAVORITE

Game Informer

BEST GAMING WEB SITE - - FAN FAVORITE

http://www.gamespot.com

BEST MILITARY GAME

Call of Duty: Finest Hour (Activision)

BEST PC GAME

Half-Life 2 (Vivendi Universal Games)

BEST WIRELESS GAME

Might and Magic (Gameloft)

BEST GRAPHICS

Half-Life 2 (Vivendi Universal Games)

BEST NEW TECHNOLOGY

Nintendo DS (Nintendo)

BEST HANDHELD

Metroid: Zero Mission (Nintendo)

BEST MASS MULTI-PLAYER GAME

City of Heroes (NCsoft)

BEST RPG

Fable (Microsoft Game Studios)