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## TRAVIS WALL ARTISTIC DIRECTOR – SHAPING SOUND DANCE COMPANY WINS EMMY FOR OUTSTANDING CHOREOGRAPHY AND BRINGS TOUR TO WORCESTER NOVEMBER 14



**WORCESTER, Mass.** (September 15, 2015) **BREAK THE FLOOR PRODUCTIONS (LOS ANGELES)** is thrilled to announce that **TRAVIS WALL** is the 2015 Emmy-Award winner for 'Outstanding Choreography' for his breakout work on FOX TV's 'So You Think You Can Dance'. Travis is the leader of 'Team Stage' dancers, and a resident choreographer on the show, providing artistic and thought-provoking routines the past several seasons. He won the Emmy-Award this year for his routines *Wave*, *When I Go*, and perhaps most importantly, *Wind Beneath My Wings*.

*Wind Beneath My Wings* was Travis' eloquent statement on marriage equality. Danced by the 2014 final four dancers, adorned all in white, it was a groundbreaking moment for 'So You Think You Can Dance', which draws much of its talent, and has strong viewership from the LGBT community.

Of the Emmy win, Travis said: "It feels surreal. It's a real honor to know my peers and colleagues recognize the hard work and artistry. I hope this is just the beginning -- I am very excited about what the future holds. I'm still freaking out!"

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Travis provides artistic direction for the popular dance company **SHAPING SOUND** established in Los Angeles in 2012 with a focus on contemporary dance and choreographic artistry. He is an original partner, along with Nick Lazzarini, Teddy Forance and Kyle Robinson, **SHAPING SOUND** begins its third year of touring in mid-October. For tour information go to [www.ShapingSoundco.com](http://www.ShapingSoundco.com).

Also this year, Travis' work on Carrie Underwood's music video 'Something In The Water' was honored with 'Best Music Video' by the CMA Music Awards. The video was choreographed in its entirety by Travis and danced by the **SHAPING SOUND** Company.

Travis was the runner-up winner of the second season of 'So You Think You Can Dance'. He assisted with the choreography of the 'The 82nd Academy Awards,' and with Drake for 'The 2010 MTV Video Music Awards' and has worked with Florence and the Machine, Chelsea Handler, Eminem, and Rihanna. Travis also choreographed the contemporary numbers for the feature film, *Step Up Revolution*. Currently, he teaches on tour with NUVO Dance Convention, produced by **BREAK THE FLOOR PRODUCTIONS**.

This year's win follows five straight years' of Emmy nominations.

**SHAPING SOUND** is coming to The Hanover Theatre in Worcester on November 14, 2015. Tickets to **SHAPING SOUND** start at \$32\*. Discounts are available to members of The Hanover Theatre, groups of 10 or more, corporate partners and Woo Card holders. Tickets are available online at [TheHanoverTheatre.org](http://TheHanoverTheatre.org), by phone at 877.571.SHOW (7469), or at The Hanover Theatre box office located at 2 Southbridge Street in downtown Worcester.

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### **About The Hanover Theatre**

The Hanover Theatre continues to draw over 170,000 patrons annually with world-class performances and headlining acts including Broadway hits ("Les Misérables," "Mary Poppins," "Jersey Boys"); comedians (Steve Martin, Jay Leno, Daniel Tosh); musical acts (Neil Young, Aretha Franklin, John Legend, Diana Ross); and everything in between ("A Christmas Carol," Maya Angelou, Rudy Giuliani, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre). Ranked by POLLSTAR as one of the Top 50 Theatres in the World, the theatre opened in March of 2008 following a \$32 million historic renovation. Over the last seven seasons, the theatre has established its place as a world-class performing arts venue, acting as a catalyst for the economic development of downtown Worcester. In 2015 the theatre finalized the purchase of a vacant, three-floor former office building with street-level retail space at 551 Main Street. The building will ultimately house office space for theatre administration, function areas, a restaurant on the ground floor and an educational space on the lower level. The building is set to open in 2016. For more information, visit [www.TheHanoverTheatre.org](http://www.TheHanoverTheatre.org). Worcester Center for Performing Arts, a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, owns and operates The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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