

March 15-16, 2023

ITEM 205-1015-R0323

Request for Authorization to Award an Honorary Doctorate to John Shaffner; University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

The University of Montana requests authorization from the Montana Board of Regents to award an Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts to John Shaffner.

EXPLANATION

A widely celebrated and influential television and theatre production designer, John Shaffner is a Missoula native and University of Montana graduate. During his multi-decade career, he served as the designer for an impressive list of television pilots, television series, television specials, live theatrical performances and talk show series. In addition to his six Emmy Awards, four Art Directors Guild awards and numerous nominations, he was honored as an UM Distinguished Alumnus in 1992 and received the UM Odyssey Award in 2002. Now retired, he continues to dedicate a substantial amount of time to service – including his current roles as chair-elect of UM’s College of the Arts and Media’s Advisory Council and Vice Chair for the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. A dedicated mentor to many, including generations of set designers from UM’s School of Theatre and Dance, he will produce and emcee UM’s Odyssey of the Stars gala this spring.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment #1: Nomination Packet
- Attachment #2: Letter of Support from President Bodnar