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TELLURIDE FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS ANNOUNCES DATES AND FEATURED CHEF FOR 2009

Top Chef Season 5 Winner Hosea Rosenberg Joins Festival Slated for August 14 - 16, 2009

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE, CO, April 13, 2009 – The Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association (TMVOA), sponsors and organizers of the Telluride Festival of the Arts announced today the dates for the 2009 program, which will take place Friday, Aug. 14 through Sunday, Aug. 16. For 2009, Hosea Rosenberg, winner of Bravo TV's *Top Chef* Season 5, will be featured along with a number of other culinary experts from a variety of cuisines, as well as both renowned and emerging visual artists from across the United States. The Telluride Festival of the Arts will play host to over 8,000 local and regional visitors, as well as guests from New York, Dallas, Chicago, Los Angeles, Phoenix and San Francisco.

Hosea Rosenberg, executive chef at JAX Fish House in Boulder, CO, has received numerous awards in addition to his "Top Chef" designation. These honors include Best Chef of Denver International Wine Festival (2006, 2007); seven-time, undefeated winner of the Flatiron Chef Competition and Guest Chef at the James Beard House (2007). When it comes to his cuisine, Rosenberg works closely with many of the local farmers and ranchers in Colorado and buys local and organic whenever possible; including seafood that is both sustainable and on "green" lists.

Highlights of the 2009 Festival will include celebrity chef demonstrations, food seminars, a showcase dinner and grand tasting, along with a nationally juried art exhibit organized by the producers of the Cherry Creek Arts Festival, one of the nation's most well known and most competitive outdoor juried arts festivals.

2009 Telluride Festival of the Arts

When: Friday, Aug. 14, 2009 – Sunday, Aug. 16, 2009

Where: Town of Mountain Village, CO

Tickets: Weekend Pass and individual event ticket options will be available. Pricing to-be-announced.

Info: For more information visit www.telluridefest.com.

Interviews available upon request.

About Telluride Festival of the Arts

The Telluride Festival of the Arts (TFA) is annual weekend-long, culinary and visual arts event held in Mountain Village, Colo. TFA hosts nationally and regionally recognized chefs and artists from across the United States in a one-of-a-kind outdoor exhibition nestled in a box canyon surrounded by the majestic 13,000ft peaks of San Juan Mountains. For more information, visit www.telluridefest.com.

About Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association

Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association ("TMVOA") is a membership organization serving property owners in Mountain Village, CO, with an ultimate goal of ensuring that Telluride Mountain Village is a highly sustainable and vital resort community. The funds collected by TMVOA from Real Estate Transfer Assessments and monthly member dues provide for and support affordable housing, assist with the creation of a stable work force, support regional transportation and create strategies to increase tourism. TMVOA also sponsors and presents numerous events in Mountain Village including Mountain Village winter activities, Telluride Gay Ski Week, Sunset Concert Series, Telluride Festival of the Arts and many more. For more information, please call (970) 369-7623 or visit www.tmvoa.org.

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