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TELLURIDE FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS ANNOUNCES 2009 JURIED ARTISTS

Official Festival Poster Released Featuring Works by Award-Winning Painter Michael Gadlin

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE, Colo., May 14, 2009 – Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association (TMVOA), sponsors and organizers of the Telluride Festival of the Arts (TFA), announced today the official slate of 50 juried artists that will be featured in this year's art show. TFA also released the event's official 2009 festival poster, a collectible print commissioned by TFA each year and made available to the public for purchase. This year's poster is a painted piece entitled "The Essence of Pleasures" by award-winning artist Michael Gadlin, known for his surrealistic impressionist body of work spanning over 15 years.

An independent jury, coordinated by the award-winning Cherry Creek Arts Festival (CCAF) on behalf of TMVOA, selected the roster of artists, including both nationally and regionally recognized professionals, based solely on the artistic excellence of their original, handcrafted works. The art show, August 14-16, 2009, is open to the public and will feature artists in 13 different media categories including: ceramics, digital art, drawing, fiber, glass, graphics and printmaking, jewelry, metal-works, mixed media, painting, photography, sculpture and wood. CCAF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation

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dedicated to educating and exposing Coloradans to the arts. CCAF produces its signature festival during July 4th weekend, which is attended by more than 350,000 visitors annually.

“Festival patrons can look forward to experiencing a spectacular outdoor gallery of fine art which will inspire collectors and first-time art buyers alike,” said Terry Adams, CCAF executive director. “Thanks to our 2009 panel of jurors who have brought the Telluride Festival of the Arts to a higher level of excellence by selecting such a diverse group of exceptional artists.”

TFA brings together noted culinary experts, including New York Top Chef Winner Hosea Rosenberg, as well as both renowned and emerging visual artists from across the United States for a weekend-long festival that is attended by more than 8,000 local and regional visitors, as well as guests from as far away as New York, Dallas, Chicago, Los Angeles, Phoenix and San Francisco. In addition to the annual art show, the 2009 culinary program will include celebrity chef demonstrations, celebrity chef dinner, wine & spirit seminars, and a festival favorite the grand tasting.

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.

The names, mediums and images of all 2009 Exhibiting Artists are available at 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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