



Challenge Aspen Contact:  
Geneva Templeton  
970-923-0578 ext 200  
[geneva@challengeaspen.com](mailto:geneva@challengeaspen.com)

**EMANUELE TOZZI PRESENTS *THE ROAD OF DREAMS* TO BENEFIT CHALLENGE ASPEN**  
***Wheeler Opera House, September 1<sup>st</sup>***

Aspen, Colo. (August 26, 2009) - Italian composer/pianist/filmmaker Emanuele Tozzi presents an evening of original music and ballet followed by a screening of his film *The Road of Dreams* at the Wheeler Opera House on Tuesday, September 1 at 7 p.m. to benefit Challenge Aspen. The film provides a journey through the towns of Italy as viewers follow three touching stories of humans pursuing their “impossible” dreams. The featured story about Peppino, a talented young musician who wishes to become a professional singer but is challenged by having Down syndrome, created the connection between Tozzi and Challenge Aspen.

“I was touched by Challenge Aspen’s mission of creating possibilities for people with disabilities,” said Tozzi. “They are in the business of making ‘impossible’ dreams come true.”

The evening begins with original compositions by Tozzi, accompanied by Chris Bank on the sax and guitar and Lorraine Curry on the cello. Tozzi has co-composed songs with M<sup>o</sup> Maurizio Fabrizio for Placido Domingo’s latest CD *Amore Infinito*. The songs have elegant melodies and a seductive atmosphere.

Dance Progressions Ballet will then debut the choreography of Heather Starr-Kallas with artistic lighting set by Loren Wilder. The ballet will add fragments of colors, images and fantasy.

Following the ballet will be the presentation of the 52-minute movie *The Road of Dreams* with English subtitles. The movie was written, directed and scored by Emanuele Tozzi and Lorenzo Tozzi.

ADMISSION IS FREE. Donations to Challenge Aspen are welcome. Complimentary appetizers provided by Hotel Jerome will be served during intermission. A “meet and greet” cocktail party with a special reduced price menu will be held at the Library Bar in Hotel Jerome at 9 p.m., following the show.

**About Challenge Aspen**

Since 1995, Challenge Aspen has provided adaptive recreational and cultural opportunities to thousands of individuals with disabilities from around the world. Based in Snowmass Village, Colorado, Challenge Aspen is an internationally established charitable organization. As a leader and innovator offering

participants safe, expert instruction and the best competitive ski-racing and educational programs available in the world, Challenge Aspen also provides outstanding summer therapeutic art and drama camps to children with physical and cognitive disabilities. In addition, Challenge Aspen creates adaptive wilderness experiences and internationally recognized elite race training for veterans with disabilities. Critical partnerships with sponsors like Aspen Skiing Company, combined with the generous support of the Founders' Circle, National Council members and annual fundraisers, provide the funding necessary for Challenge Aspen to empower all participants through its outdoor and cultural experiences, regardless of financial status. For more information, visit [www.challengeaspen.org](http://www.challengeaspen.org).

*Find helpful guidelines for writing about disability at [www.lsi.ku.edu/~lsi/aboutus/guidelines.shtml](http://www.lsi.ku.edu/~lsi/aboutus/guidelines.shtml).*

###