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Mario the Peddler Productions

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***Mario the Peddler* appearing in Longmont in October**

Author, speaker, and entertainer Tony Bottagaro, a native of New York City and long-time resident of Colorado, will be performing his one-man show *Mario the Peddler* on October 20th in Longmont. He has presented his message of love, peace, and justice to religious and political leaders around the world, including the U.S. Congress, the State Department, the White House, the UN, and Pope John Paul II at the Vatican.

The show will benefit the Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley, the Longmont Council for the Arts, and the St. Vrain Valley School District.

The performance features Bottagaro as Mario Ferrara, an old Sicilian American immigrant who captivates audiences with bits of wisdom, witty anecdotes, and thought-provoking commentary while he charms one and all with magical trinkets from his mysterious pushcart. As Mario, Bottagaro takes them on a fanciful and intriguing journey sprinkled with history and folklore.

The show will be performed in the Vance Brand Civic Auditorium, located in Skyline High School at 600 East Mountain View Avenue in Longmont, on October 20 at 7:00 p.m. A reception will follow the performance. Preferred seating is available for \$25, General Admission for \$19, Seniors for \$15, Students for \$15, and Groups of 20* or more for \$13.

For ticket* sales, contact any of the following:

- Longmont Council for the Arts: Call 303.678.7869. Cash, check, or credit cards accepted.
- Habitat for Humanity: Visit the HFH ReStore Home Improvement Outlet Wednesday through Saturday, 10:00 AM through 6:00 PM, at 455 Weaver Park Road, Longmont, 80501. For a map and directions, please visit www.stvrainhfh.org and select “ReStore.”
- Vance Brand Civic Auditorium: Contact Charlene Hopp at 303.651.0401. Cash or check accepted. No credit cards.
- Twin Peaks Mall Information Desk: Cash or check accepted. No credit cards.

*For Group ticket sales, contact Vance Brand Civic Auditorium.