## MUSIC SKILLS/SPECIFICATIONS:

- -Versatile collaborator, composer and improviser with well honed "one man band" skills.
- -Audio Producer, recording, mixing and live sound Engineer/designer.
- -Multi-lingual vocalist with 3.5 octave range, multiple styles.

Instruments played: Lutes (laouto, bouzouki, bağlama, divan sazı, cura, oud, 6 and 12 string guitar), Percussion (drum set, doumbek, riqq, tabla baladi, davul, djembe, djun djuns, conga), flutes, accordion, piano, electronics, laptop, field recordings, and objects not typically used for musical purposes.

Recording Studio: 500 sf, iso room, Logic Pro, Steinway 1919 grand piano, 24 ch. digital mixer, MOTU firewire interface, Grace and API pre-amps, Korg and Kurzweil synths. AKG, Røde and Chameleon mics.

Foriegn languages: French (fluent with faults), Turkish (basic), Indonesian, Spanish, Italian (limited).

### COMMISSIONED SCORES/EVENTS for dance/theatre/film (partial list):

**Utopia Parkway** 70 min. multimedia homage to visual artist Joseph Cornell directed by dance improvisation artists/choreographers Chris Aiken and Angie Hauser, with co-musician Ty Burhoe, premeired at Dance Center Columbia College, Chicago, IL, 2011.

**Come To Your Senses** Closing event for the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Los Angeles Art Show, with aerial dance artists The Stebens Twins, Turning The Wheel, Timothy Yarger Fine Art. Cooper Design Space, L.A., 2011.

Come, and Back Again Music director, arranger, performer, 12 min. dance theater piece exploring the work of Patti Smith. Choreographed and directed by David Dorfman, Bates Dance Festival, Maine, 2011.

**I, Disappear** 12 min. modern dance work for laptop, Turkish Saz, and vocals, choreographed by Michael Foley. Commissioned by Bates Dance Festival, Bates College, Maine, 2010.

**Rounds-** 23 min. all vocal score for playful contemporary ballet with ball props choreographed by Peter Davison, Artistic Director of Boulder Ballet. Premiered at Dairy Center for The Arts, Boulder, 2010.

Lazer Vaudeville Lasers, juggling, black light, indoor kites and other circus arts directed by Carter Brown, featuring Cindy Marvell. 90 min. work presented at John Houseman Theatre Off Broadway, NYC for most of 2005. Exhaustive touring in US, Canada, East Asia and Saudi Arabia 1998-present.

**Spirit of Adventure** Sections on Egypt, Greece, India, and Nepal for travel photographer Mike David's multimedia performances. Gates Concert Hall, Newman Center, Denver. Annually, 2002-present.

Evening length intergenerational dance theater performances directed by Alana Shaw: I Knew That Once (2011) Nearly Invisible (2005), The Stringmaker (2003), Confetti Conspiracy (2000), I Dreamed 100 Owls (1996) Paper Doll Shadows 1993, Who's There (1991), for Turning The Wheel, Inc. in Seattle, S.F., L.A., Wilmington NC, Andover MA, Missoula MT, and CO.

Rainforest Quadraphonic 65 min. multimedia ballet by David Taylor Dance Theatre. Denver Auditorium Theatre, 1995. Numerous performances and educational outreach, CO, CA, WY, LA, MT, SD 1996-present.

The Escape Artist by composer, vocalist & Cellist Robert Een, Collaborating performer, World Festival of Sacred Music, Redcat Theatre, Los Angeles, CA, 2008.

(Commissioned scores/events continued)

A Collection of Keepers Culminating performance for The Museum of Outdoor Arts' "Design and Build" program, percussion/vocal work, commissioned by Lonnie Hanzon, Englewood Cultural Center, 2008.

The Monkey Saddle Post modern dance/theatre piece by Michelle Ellsworth with co-composers Michael Theodore and Dave Willey. Premeired in NYC at National Performance Network showcase, 2006.

**Kiva: What Do We Hold Sacred?** 30 min. work honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mesa Verde National Park; with Speaking Of Dance and co-composer Michael Stanwood. Performed onsite at Mesa Verde, Cortez, CO and Colorado History Museum, Denver. Educational outreach work, 2006.

**I, Dancer** TV production including dance piece with developmentally disabled performers. Prof. Nora Zuniga Shaw (OSU dance) and Mary Rathke (Ohio PBS), directors. Columbus, OH, 2005.

Mothers Acting Up 10 min. documentary film on the organization produced by Ontos Media, 2005.

**Twelfth Night** (Shakespeare) All new music for a 1940s Carribbean setting directed by Robert Cohen (CA); 30 min. for steel drums, guitar, cello, voices and percussion. Colorado Shakespeare Festival, 2005.

Once Before a Time a fairy tale film without words filmed in rural France by Nancy Spanier and TellStarr prod. 35 min. work for voices, concertina, lutes, cello, drums, and strings. Premiered in Sarlat, France, 2004.

**Mountain Wake** 55 min. multi-channel surround sound score with audience-interactive microphones for evening length contemporary butch dance performance choreographed by Onye Ozuzu and Darrell Jones of Skeleton Dance Works. Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art performance series, 2003.

**Intimacy in Transiton** with co-composer Mike Vargas. 10 min. Post modern piece by choreographer Chris Elam, Misnomer Dance Theatre. Premiered at P.S. 122 performance space, NYC, 2003.

**A Night on the Silk Road** multimedia concert produced by Ken Green for the Golden Sun Foundation. In collaboration with Kitaro, Nawang Kechog, Beth Quist, Ty Burhoe, James Hoskins. Boulder Thtr, 2003.

**Soaring** 25 min. Contemporary ballet on Colorado's wild birds choreographed by William Starn for Ballet Nouveau Colorado in collaboration with The Audobon Society, various locations, CO, 2001.

**To Lie Tenderly** Collaborating performer, 35 min. work with David Dorfman Dance and Amy Denio. BAM Next Wave Festival, NYC, December 2000. Continued touring in ME, NC, CO, AZ, 2001.

**Junkwrath** Choreography by Gabriel Masson. 12 min. work for four musicians playing a specially designed sculpture comprised primarily of car parts. Bates Dance Festival, Bates College, Maine, 2000.

The International Channel Contributing composer for International Channel CATV network i.d. spots directed by Jean Kopeck and produced by Kip Kuepper at Coupe Studios, Boulder, CO, 1999.

Hong Kong Sovereignty Ceremony composition and sound design for 40 foot dancing dragon designed by Lonnie Hanzon. Commissioned for government handover ceremonies, Pacific Place, Hong Kong, 1997.

Theater Of The Vampires 30 min. work for aerial dance/theatre piece by Nancy Smith for Frequent Flyers Productions, premiered Boulder Theater, ongoing reprises, Boston, New Orleans, CO, 1990-present.

**JESSE MANNO** 

## JESSE MANNO PERFORMING ENSEMBLES:

**Şerefe Balkan and Middle Eastern Ensemble** *co-founder, performer,* CO, CA, NY, WY, NM 1997-present.

ImprovExotica co-founder, improviser with Beth Quist and James Hoskins, CO, 2009-present.

The Peace Project directed by Kailin Yong, performer, co-arranger, CO, KA, NE, 2007-present.

Robert Een collaborating arranger/performer, CO, CA & ME 2003, 2005, 2008.

Rachid Halihal and Friends multi-instrumentalist, music of the Arab diaspora, CO & WY 2003-present.

Boulder Klezmer Consort drummer, CO, WY, 2004-present.

Latif Bolat Ensemble performer, concert producer, Turkish Sufi Devotional music. CO & TX, 1997-present.

The Buzz Band composer, multi-instrumentalist, New music for ancient instruments. CO, 1994-2002

The Lost Angel Stone Ensemble *composer, percussionist*, with Tom Wasinger, new music on specially designed resonating stone percussion instruments; CO 1991-2004.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/TEACHING:

University of Colorado, Boulder Dept. of Theatre and Dance (50% appointment) Senior Instructor, Music Director, accompanist, thesis advisor, member of merit review, hiring search, program fee award committees, 2000-present. Bates Dance Festival Bates College, Lewiston, Maine. Modern dance accompanist, composer, workshop leader, performer, concert director. 2-5 weeks every summer, 1998-present.

Naropa University Adjunct faculty- music composition 2001, composer-performer, sporadically 1988-present.

Colorado Dance Festival Music Director, instructor, scholarship award committee member, 1992-2000.

City of Denver composer, performer, Denver Art Museum, Mayor's office on Art, Culture and Film, Museum of Natural History, Zoo, Botanic Gardens, Performing Arts Festival and many others, 1992-present.

City of Boulder composer, performer, Downtown Management Commission, Museum of Contemporary Art, CATV 54, Dairy Arts Center, Public Library (Concert Series and Morning Music Meditation), International Festival and others, 1989-present.

#### ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT OR OUTREACH in COLORADO (partial list):

Fourmile Canyon Fire Dept. Colorado Shakespeare Festival The Audoban Society Sawagi (Tsunami relief) Moondance Intl. Film Festival Planina Balkan Chorus Mothers Acting Up Museum of Outdoor Arts Farell Lowe's MIME St. Spyrion Greek Festival Coupe Studios KGNU Boulder Immersive Studios St. John's Episcopal Cathedral KRFC Fort Collins Multi Cultural Mosaic Foundation Café De La Culture Hospice

First United Methodist Church BMOCA Boulder County Aids Project

Unitarian Universalist Fellowships Third Law Dance Theater Mishkhah

Jewish Community Center Boulder Ballet Ty Burhoe/Tala Records

CU Muslim Student Association Wind Over The Earth Ariana Saraha

Sterling Regional Medical Center St. Julien Hotel University Club, Denver Saints Peter and Paul Greek Colorado Business Committee for Golden Sun Foundation for

Orthodox Church the Arts World Culture

#### ADDITIONAL INTER/NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT/OUTREACH (partial list):

Arizona Council on the Arts (Artist Project Grant committee.) Swire Properties, ltd., Island Place, Hong Kong

Desperate Figures Dance Theater (Germany)

Dance Improvisation Fest (Chicago)

Art Sweats, Inc. (David Dorfman Dance)

Turning The Wheel, Inc. (CO, CA, NC, MA, MT, WA)

Los Angeles Art Show SaltDance Festival (Salt Lake City, UT)

Big Buddha Baba (L.A.)

National Playback Theatre

New Directions Cello Festival (NY)

Orthodox Jewish National Conference
East European Folklife Center

International Conference of Jesuit Clergy

American College Dance Festival National Nshei women's retreat

Universities of Wyoming, Utah, North Carolina, Montana. Pomegranite Productions Teen Mentorship Program (NM)

# JESSE MANNO EDUCATION (partial list):

University of Colorado, Boulder B.A., Asian Studies, 1988. Also studied music theory, world music, impressionist composers, jazz improvisation, independent study in composition for dance.

Balkan and Middle Eastern Music Workshops: Greek, Turkish and Arabic singing, bouzouki, oud, bağlama (lutes), Bulgarian gajda (bagpipe) and kaval (flute); regional folk ensembles with Bob Beer, Christos Govetas, Georges Lammam and others. Mendocino Woodlands, CA semi-annually 1985-present.

Private Study Naser Musa (oud), Chris Kenney (voice), Bill Elliott, Patricia Burge (composition, piano).

## DISCOGRAPHY/AUDIO PRODUCTION CREDITS (original music in red)

My Problem Was My Solution with Sufi Troubadors Zevk Ensemble (NM), producer, lutes, flutes, 2012 Kailin Yong Peace Project multi-instrumentalist, vocalist, co-arranger, 2011

Ariana Saraha- Live at Immersive Studios co-producer, mixing engineer, 2011

Sala Sala with Sherefe Balkan and Middle Eastern Band producer, vocalist, multi-instrumentalist, 2010.

**Rest Assured** with vocal shaman Vickie Dodd and cellist James Hoskins, producer, performer, 2010.

Vibrational Sound Healing with Kimba Arem, for Andrew Weil, multi-instrumentalist, co-composer, 2010.

The Color of Sound with Quist, Yong, Arem, Stanwood, co-composer, multi-instrumentalist, 2009.

Arise with devotional Christian singer-songwriter Kate Eaton, multi-instrumentalist, co-arranger, 2009.

Straight Path to the Garden with Sufi troubadors Zevk Ensemble (NM), producer, multi-instrumentalist, 2009.

Bowing With The Flow with violinist/composer Kailin Yong, Multi-instrumentalist, consultant, 2008.

Kuluk Misafir with vocalist Brenna MacRimmon, recording engineer, saz player, 2008.

Songs From The Second World with Tigger Benford & Peter Jones, Co-composer, producer, 2007.

Unlock The Mystery with singer-songwriter Lara Jai. Arranger, co-producer, multi-instrumentalist, 2007.

Climbing Down (EP) with singer-songwriter Keir Kirkegaard, producer, 2007.

Tibetan Meditation Music with Tibetan flautist Nawang Khechog, Oud player, 2007.

The First Rose CD of accompanied short stories by poet Nick Shelton. Composer, producer, 2006.

Time Laps (sic) Excerpts from unreleased soundtracks, compilation, 2006.

Walk In The Light with devotional trio The Whippoorwhills. *Producer*, 2005.

Gül- Turkish Sufi Songs of Devotion with Sufi troubador Latif Bolat, multi-instrumentalist, engineer, 2005.

**Portal** with multi-instrumentalist Micheal Stanwood, multi-instrumentalist, 2005.

Village Squared with Meg York and Veelah, drummer, 2005.

Golden Sun Collection Excerpts from unreleased soundtracks, 2004.

Mountain Wake Original Soundtrack 2004.

A Bomb in a Bull Jesse Bad Song and the Great Tambini, producer, multi-instrumentalist, 2003.

The Stringmaker Original Soundtrack 2003.

Dead Sea Strolls with composer Sheldon Sands, Greek and Turkish Lutes, 2002.

To Lie Tenderly with composer-multi-instrumentalist Amy Denio and Petunia, multi-instrumentalist, 2002.

**Opium** with Sherefe, producer, multi-instrumentalist, 2001.

Arc of a Buzz with Michael Stanwood, multi-instrumentalist, 2000.

Lazer Vaudeville Original Soundtrack, 1998.

**Sherefe** eponymous debut, *producer, multi-instrumentalist*, 1998.

Birth with Melissa Michaels and friends, co-composer, multi-instrumentalist, 1997.

Lucidity with vocalist-multi-instrumentalist Beth Quist, multi-instrumentalist, 1997.

Rainforest Original Soundtrack, 1996.

Many Moons with Tom and Susan Wasinger, contributing composer, 1995.

Sea Spirits Excerpts from Original Soundtracks, compilation, 1993.

The Lost Angel Stone Ensemble with Tom Wasinger, co-composer, percussionist, 1992.

Music from Theater of the Vampires Original Soundtrack, 1991.