



## CAPEZIO ANNOUNCES WINNER OF FIRST ANNUAL CAPEZIO A.C.E AWARD RECIPIENT, TRAVIS WALL

Travis Wall Wins Award for Choreographic Excellence and a \$15,000 Production Budget  
Toward a New York City Performance Along with Other Prizes

**Totowa, NJ/New York, NY- September 3, 2009:** The first annual Capezio A.C.E. Awards (Award for Choreographic Excellence) held on July 28, 2009 in New York City, as part of the *Dance Teacher Summit*, featured 16 finalists who submitted audition videos via [www.DanceMedia.com](http://www.DanceMedia.com). Travis Wall, known as a contestant and choreographer from the television program, *So You Think You Can Dance*, won the grand prize with his production titled, "It's Gonna Be a Long Walk". The prize package includes Travis appearing in Capezio Brands ads in *Dance Spirit* and *Dance Teacher* magazines, recognition in 2010 *Dance Teacher Summit* promotions and a \$15,000 production budget toward a New York City performance in 2010.

Hundreds of submissions were posted on [www.DanceMedia.com](http://www.DanceMedia.com) for the first annual Capezio A.C.E Award. The 16 finalists competed in front of a panel of judges comprised of distinguished dance professionals: Andy Blankenbuehler, renown Broadway Choreographer for *In the Heights* and *9 to 5*; Mandy Moore, prominent choreographer on *So You Think You Can Dance* and *American Idol*; Kate Lydon, Editor-in-Chief for *Dance Spirit Magazine*; Anastasia Miller, Director of Dance and Choreography at Clear Talent Group; and Donald Byrd, Tony Award Winner for *The Color Purple* and artistic director for Spectrum Dance Theatre. Travis Wall was the grand prize winner, Kate Jablonski was first runner up with "Us" and Jaci Royal was second runner up with "One Worth Leaving". Both runners up also receive a production budget toward a New York City performance in 2010.

Travis Wall, known as both a contestant and choreographer from *So You Think You Can Dance* and winner of the Capezio A.C.E. Award, Award for Choreographic Excellence, with "It's Gonna Be a Long Walk" exclaimed via his Twitter.com account, "I WON THE ACE AWARD!!!! aghhhhhhhhhh my kids were amazing!!!! THIS HAS TRUELY BEEN THE BEST MONTH EVER."

"The talent of the submissions was amazing; trying to select the finalists was nearly impossible. Capezio proudly supports these choreographers' blossoming careers and their contributions to the continued support of dance worldwide. Travis is the first of many phenomenal choreographers who can proudly declare they are Capezio A.C.E Award winners. Capezio and *Dance Teacher Summit* started something sensational and we can not wait for the submissions for the 2010 Capezio A.C.E Award," stated Allison Hart of Capezio.

### **About Capezio Ballet Makers Inc.:**

Dedicated to the art of dance since 1887, Capezio revolutionized the dance world with dancewear and footwear products for every dancer from beginner to professional. Capezio operates retail stores carrying the full lines of all Capezio/Ballet Maker Inc. brands in New York City and several major cities nationwide. For more information, visit [www.capeziodance.com](http://www.capeziodance.com).

For more information on Travis Wall, visit [www.traviswall-online.org](http://www.traviswall-online.org).

For more information on *Dance Teacher Summit*, visit [www.danceteachersummit.com](http://www.danceteachersummit.com).