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Winter Dreams & “Dream Boxes” Distributed Throughout Burlington

Burlington, VT: (December 18, 2009) *Winter Dreams*, a one-of-a-kind community arts event staged as part of First Night Burlington 2010 is set to conclude the City of Burlington’s Quadricentennial celebrations with an evening of theater, dance, poetry and song. On New Year’s Eve in City Hall Park, from 4pm to 6:30pm, the event begins at 4pm with an appearance by the Snow Queen and is followed by fire performer Kery Kaye at 4:30. Beginning at 5pm, *Winter Dreams* performances will take place in the four corners of City Hall Park featuring Lida Winfield and dancers, the Young Writers Project, dance group Jeh Kulu, and Eric Bass' Sandglass Theater performing a new humorous and compelling piece, "The Ballad of the Ice Shanty," in which local fishermen create an odd community and irresistible assortment of stories inside their fishing shacks on Lake Champlain.

As part of the *Winter Dreams* performance, the public is invited to submit their own dreams to “Dream Boxes” at community gathering places throughout the City of Burlington from December 16th through December 30th. Those dreams will be performed & read by selected artists during the event.

During these closing weeks of the 400th Anniversary of Samuel de Champlain’s arrival, Burlington City Arts would like to capture our community’s subconscious imagination as we move into our next century. Dreams may be personal—about family or individual

aspirations—or they may include ideas and imagination for our community—what's your vision for the future of Burlington and the Champlain Valley?

Dream Box locations include:

- The First Night Burlington Office at 230 College Street
- Pine Street Deli on Flynn Avenue and Pine Street
- City Market on South Winooski Street
- Waggy's Store and Deli on North Avenue and North Street
- The Miller Community Center at 130 Gosse Court
- Handy's Lunch on South Champlain and Maple Street

Winter Dreams is funded in part by the Arts Jobs program of the New England Foundation for the Arts, made possible with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and is an important part of Burlington City Arts, which is dedicated to the promotion of excellence, experimentation, and education in all forms of contemporary art. For more information about gallery exhibitions, special events, classes and workshops, please call 802.865.7166 or visit BURLINGTONCITYARTS.COM.

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