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Performing Artists Wanted for BCA First Night Event

Burlington, VT: (November 17th, 2008) Burlington City Arts (BCA) is seeking proposals from performing artists—to participate in “Winter Dreams,” a special New Years Eve event planned for City Hall Park, to close the year of Champlain Quadricentennial festivities.

BCA envisions short outdoor performances that will be staged in each of the four corners of City Hall Park, as a sendoff to the year-long Champlain quad celebrations. Performing artists are encouraged to draw from dreams, visions, and ideas for the future—anything that is rich in imagination and metaphor, suggesting who we are, where we are, and what we might picture for our next 100 years. We encourage all visions, from the utopian and whimsical to the cautionary and even mundane.

Using theater, dance, music, puppetry, performance art, spoken word, and/or circus arts, artists should propose the shape and content of what they can make happen between now and December 31st. Proposals that include a community component, through workshops and outreach to local constituencies are especially encouraged.

Each performance will run 10-15 minutes and would be repeated 4 times over the course of about an hour. At the close of each performance, a guide/barker will lead the audience from each stage to the next.

BCA will award 4 grants of up to \$2000 each, all-inclusive, for performances that create a resonant public arts event that engages the community and brings a memorable close to the City's Champlain commemorations. To apply, submit a one-page proposal and budget outlining your idea and how you will develop and stage it. E-mail your proposal to Sara Katz (SKatz@ci.burlington.vt.us) no later than Friday, November 27th. No phone calls please.

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Winter Dreams 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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