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Friends of the Arts presents “Carmen” Thursday Night

Plymouth, NH (October 19, 2007)- Friends of the Arts is proud to present “*Carmen*”, a full-length ballet, to the community Thursday, October 25, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Silver Center for the Arts at Plymouth State University. The legendary tale of “*Carmen*” has captured the imagination of audiences around the world. “This is the first full length ballet to visit Central New Hampshire in over ten years”, said Carole Ann Morrison, Executive Director of Friends of the Arts. “We are hoping that the community will embrace this very special opportunity. “*Carmen*” is sure to be an exciting evening of theatrical magic not to be missed.” “*Carmen*” is also being offered to area schools by Friends of the Arts on Friday, October 26, 2007 as a bus-in performance.

“*Carmen*” is an original production by award-winning New York Choreographer William Soleau and will be performed by sixteen professional dancers from the acclaimed State Street Ballet of Santa Barbara, California. “*Carmen*” is a passionate story of lust, treachery and fate based on the fabled temptress of Seville. This ballet of dramatic intensity and blazing emotion is set to the beautiful and evocative music of Georges Bizet.

A special question and answer session with Artistic Director Rodney Gustafson, former dancer with

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The American Ballet Theatre of New York, and the State Street Ballet company members will immediately follow the performance. Ticket prices are as follows: \$30-\$25adults/\$28-\$23 senior/\$19-\$14 youth/\$8-\$5 PSU student. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Silver Center Box Office at 535-ARTS. “*Carmen*” is presented by Friends of the Arts Regional Arts Council and Sponsored by Community Guaranty Savings Bank, Turner Consulting and Ninth State Dance Studio. Special thanks to New Hampshire State Council of the Arts and Silver Center for the Arts at Plymouth State University.

The mission of Friends of the Arts is to present quality visual and performing arts that are affordable and accessible to children and adults as both observers and participants. The Regional Arts Council is dedicated to arts education, enrichment and improving the patronage and support of New Hampshire Artists. No individual will be turned away from participating in the programs due to insufficient funds. For more information call the Friends of the Arts office at (603)536-1182 or visit the website at www.friends-of-the-arts.org

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