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**For Immediate Release**

**Friends of the Arts Brings Modern Dance to Area Schools**  
*Terminal Hip Dance Theater Featured*

**Plymouth, NH (January 4, 2008)**-Children from Holderness Central School, Thornton Central School, Waterville Valley and Moultonborough Academy will be exposed to modern dance thanks to Friends of the Arts and Terminal Hip Dance Theater. Beginning January 16 through January 18, 2008, Terminal Hip will be visiting area schools to provide in-school performances that range from absurdly humorous to profoundly serious. Terminal Hip artists will engage students through a unique blend of dance, spoken word and eclectic music.

Terminal Hip Dance Theatre was founded in 2001 by a group of New Hampshire artists with a focus on teaching and entertaining through modern dance. The program that is being brought to the schools through Friends of the Arts consists of a 45 minute performance featuring the following: a humorous dance about theatre etiquette; dancing to a Bach concerto; Creole music from New Orleans; the Colonel Bogey March; and the Blue Man Group.

"Friends of the Arts and Terminal Hip Dance Theatre are excited to be bringing modern dance to area school children. For many of the students, this will be the first time they are exposed to modern

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dance. It will educate the students on the many forms of movement while demonstrating how you can invoke emotion and tell a story with only the use of your body. They will see dance as an art form and a tool for telling a story" said Michael Stoddard, Program Director for Friends of the Arts.

Teachers are provided with learning kits containing lesson plans on modern dance, theater, and background information about Terminal Hip prior to the performance to give the children a foundation of what to expect. Friends of the Arts Volunteer Education Committee designs, assembles and distributes the learning kits to schools that sign up for the performance. Contact Michael Stoddard, Program Director at [mstoddard@friends-of-the-arts.org](mailto:mstoddard@friends-of-the-arts.org) to find out how to bring the arts to your school. To learn more about Friends of the Arts, and other programs available, please visit [www.friends-of-the-arts.org](http://www.friends-of-the-arts.org) or call 536-1182 .

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. Thanks to New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, New England Foundation of the Arts and Plymouth State University.

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