



# Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership



## 2008 Implementation Grant

### Champlain Waterfront Festival Parade

#### Project Summary

Through a 2008 Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership Implementation Grant, the Champlain Quadricentennial parade took place during a torrential downpour on July 11, 2009. The parade route ran down Burlington's Main Street, from Edmunds School to Union Station. More than 1200 performers performed. Organized around the theme of "Legends of Our Past and Future," the parade went on in spite of the rain—and performers worked with this unexpected element, making it an integral part of the performance. Parade participants came from more than 100 Vermont towns along with several Quebec cities and towns.

Directed by two coordinators, more than 50 volunteers and an array of city employees managed the parade's logistics. Thorough preparation enabled the event to take place in spite of bad weather conditions.

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More than 1200 performers marched in the pouring rain on July 11, 2009.

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