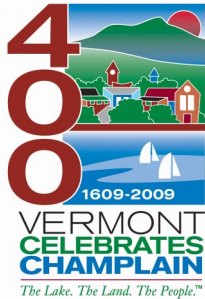


2009 Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration Grants

Waterfront Festival Signature Event Parade, Free Programs and Pageant



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Project Summary

During July 2009, Burlington staged a 13-day International Waterfront Festival to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Samuel de Champlain's expedition into the lake that today bears his name. The festival attracted more than 150,000 people and included artists, diplomats, and cultural activists from Quebec, France, and the Abenaki, Mohawk, Iroquois, and Huron nations. Central to the festival were three major projects that Burlington City Arts provided to the public free of charge: the pageant, the parade, and performances, film screenings and exhibitions throughout downtown Burlington, City Hall Park, Battery Park and along Burlington's waterfront.

Supported by three 2009 Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration grant awards from the CVNHP/LCBP, Burlington City Arts coordinated and implemented the festival. Burlington Int'l The LCBP Executive Committee provided specific funding for the festival parade, free programs, and a pageant.

French/ Algerian choreographer Hedy Maalem was commissioned to develop the dance performance of "From the New World" as the pageant for the festival. Sixty dancers performed in the piece, set to music from Dvorak's New World Symphony (#9). More than 2,600 people attended "From the New World" performances at Burlington's Flynn Theater.

The Champlain Quadricentennial parade took place during a torrential downpour on July 11, 2009. More than 1200 performers more than 100 Vermont towns paraded and performed in a memorable torrential downpour.

The grants also supported the the Champlain Valley Stage, which showcased regional talent

and culture. The free programs ran from Saturday, July 4 through Sunday, July 12, 2009. In all, more than 200 performers and artists appeared on free stages—playing to more than 18,000 people, and an estimated 150,000 people attended the festival overall.



The Abenaki led the parade in the pouring rain

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