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MAGIC MOVERS PROJECT TO USE TALENTS OF HANDICAPPED AND GIFTED CHILDREN

MISSOULA--

Magic Movers, a professional dance/storytelling company affiliated with the University of Montana, has been awarded a \$14,000.00 grant from the National Committee, Arts for the Handicapped, to underwrite the development of MAGIC MOVERS PLUS!

MAGIC MOVERS PLUS! will be a project utilizing the talents of the three-member Magic Movers Company plus eight handicapped children and eight gifted and talented children to be selected from District #1 schools.

"MAGIC MOVERS PLUS! will perform dance/storytelling material currently in the company repertoire plus other pieces they might develop when the company is complete," said Nancy Brooks Schmitz, executive and artistic director for the company.

Schmitz continued, "We hope that MAGIC MOVERS PLUS! will be able to perform extensively in statewide and regional Very Special Arts Festivals!" A Very Special Arts Festival is a festival presenting the arts to handicapped populations.

For more information on Magic Movers or the MAGIC MOVERS PLUS! grant project, call 243-4552, Missoula.

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