

## *EAST OF THE SUN, WEST OF THE MOON*

February, 2006

To Whom It May Concern,

MOTUS O dance theatre presented an outstanding performance of an old legend which captured the imaginations of all present. This multi-layered show captivated children from grades 1 to 6 but also the adults in the audience. All ages were able to understand the story. Younger children loved it because of the expressively colourful costuming, the powerful music and the variety of characters. One of my grade 2 students wrote, "Gulumpa, the troll, was...pretty scary looking at first but she was so funny." Another student wrote, "In the story, Lillie played with the Northern Lights."

Older students enjoyed the humour and dexterity of the four actors as they quickly transformed between numerous characters. The performance stretched their understanding of drama as they observed a natural integration of all the art forms in a theatrical production. Adults loved the humour and sensitivity with which the issues were handled.

MOTUS O dance theatre lived up to its reputation in creating "works of physical inventiveness that portray the human experience through humour and pathos". The original musical score captivated the changing moods with precision. The 50 minute play was riveting from beginning to end and the children enjoyed asking questions of the performers as they learned some theatrical magic.

As a teacher, I would highly recommend this show for grades 1- 6. In addition, older theatre students would benefit greatly as MOTUS O dance theatre fully incorporates all the arts and endeavors to seek original ways to communicate "the story".

Sincerely,

Margaret Boersma  
Teacher  
Aldergrove Public School, Markham Ontario