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## **UNH Theatre Tours Area Schools**

The UNH Department of Theatre and Dance is pleased to announce the spring ArtsREACH tour of “I C No Arrlechino,” a Commedia Dell’ Arte piece. The play has also been specially selected to perform at Region 1 of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in January. It is as an introduction to the origins of comedy and comedic characters, beginning with an overview and then launching into a fast-paced, action packed performance filled with music, improvisation and physical comedy. Each audience will receive a different performance, based on the responses in the improvised sections. Students will learn how modern comedy can trace its roots to this old art form. The tour begins February 11 and will play in area schools and retirement centers on Wednesday and Friday mornings through May 11.

Depending on performance times, the tour will travel within a two hour radius of UNH’s Durham campus on Wednesday and Friday mornings between February 11 and May 11, 2009. The cost is \$400. Educators who wish to book the tour can call 603-862-2150 or go to [www.unh.edu/theatre-dance](http://www.unh.edu/theatre-dance) and select “On Tour.”

ArtsREACH is the education and outreach division of the UNH Department of Theatre and Dance. Through ArtsREACH, the department provides opportunities for the community and area schools to participate in high quality theatre and performing arts experiences like Drama Day field trips, summer drama and dance camps, school matinees and the famous Little Red Wagon professional summer theatre touring company. For more information about ArtsREACH’s mission and services call 603-862-2150 or visit [www.unh.edu/theatre-dance](http://www.unh.edu/theatre-dance).

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Clockwise from the top: Joe Nelson, Jerard-James Craven, Sara Packin, and Cat Claus

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