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**IMAGE BY ARTIST MARIA TERMINI, OF NEWTON,  
CHOSEN AS BASIS FOR FIRST NIGHT 2013 BUTTON**

**Button artwork and design to be revealed in November**

(BOSTON) First Night Boston and *Art New England* are pleased to announce that the work of artist **Maria Termini** of Newton, Massachusetts will be used in the design of this year's First Night button, which will be unveiled on November 20, 2012 at 1 p.m. at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, the official hotel of First Night Boston 2013 (detailed press release to follow in November). Termini's work was chosen from entries solicited via a call from *Art New England*, the region's leading contemporary art and culture magazine.

Maria Termini has created colorful and joyful artworks in silkscreen, watercolor, collage, colored pencil drawing and mosaics especially inspired by her experience of the wonder and solitude of nature. Her artworks have been widely exhibited and are in the collections of many non-profit organizations, as well as the Boston Public Library and the Fogg Museum. Adventure, beauty, music, justice and a reverence for the earth are some of the many threads that have woven the rich tapestry of her life and work.

Termini is the author of the book, *Silkscreening*, published by Prentice-Hall and three memoirs: *Solitude and Splendor: Living in the Schoolhouse*; *The Artist and the Spy*; and *Driving Curiosity: On the Road in Central America*. Her narrative essays, including "Hurray Hitchhiker Fairy Godmother" and "Almost Godiva" have been published by *Newton Magazine*. Her poetry has been published in Boston's street newspaper, *Spare Change, Edge*, and in the journal *Soul-Lit*. She has produced the CD, *Leafdancer* with original songs, classical and folk music.

To learn more about Maria Termini and her work, please visit [www.mariatermini.com](http://www.mariatermini.com)

First Night Boston, the original citywide festival of art and culture, is the country's oldest and largest New Year's Eve celebration. On Dec. 31, 2012 from noon to midnight, First Night presents its 37<sup>th</sup> annual event, which welcomes children, families and revelers of all ages to celebrate community through the arts. All First Night outdoor events are free, though supported by sales of the First Night button, which is the ticket for admission to indoor events. Information about other First Night programming and button sales will be available in the coming months. For more information, call 617-542-1399 or visit [www.firstnight.org](http://www.firstnight.org).

In addition to being the ticket for admission to performances and exhibits throughout Boston on Dec. 31, the First Night button with Termini's image will be featured in all First Night collateral materials, such as print ads, posters, billboards, and MBTA car cards. For more than ten years, Boston's WBZ-TV has been First Night's exclusive television sponsor and as such features the button in promotional announcements. WBZ-TV News will have an exclusive series of news features about artists and community groups preparing for First Night in the weeks leading up to the event, and will broadcast live from several downtown locations on Dec. 31.

All First Night outdoor events are free, though supported by sales of the First Night button, which is the ticket for admission to all indoor events. Buttons are \$18 (children under 4 admitted free) and will be available at dozens of locations after Thanksgiving. For a complete list of advance sale locations or to buy buttons online (available as of Oct. 3), visit [www.firstnight.org](http://www.firstnight.org). Buttons will be available at a special web price of \$15 at [www.firstnight.org](http://www.firstnight.org) through Dec. 23.

### **About First Night**

Founded in 1976, [First Night](http://www.firstnight.org) was started by artists who sought an alternative to traditional New Year's Eve revelry. The celebration has grown from a small arts event centered on the Boston Common to an arts festival that showcases work by local, national and international artists. First Night has gone from attracting about 25,000 people to drawing crowds over one million, and generating an estimated \$29 million dollars in revenue for businesses in the City of Boston. The concept that originated in Boston 37 years ago has served as a model for more than 200 similar celebrations worldwide.

### **Art New England/New Venture Media Group**

New Venture Media Group is a multi-faceted marketing, publishing, travel and theatrical services company based in Boston. Anchored by a set of core publications and businesses that celebrate the best in local and regional arts and entertainment, the Group includes: *Panorama: The Official Guide to Boston*; the New England edition of *Playbill*, the renowned theater program; Show of the Month Club, the nation's oldest membership-based discount theater ticket club; and *Art New England*, the region's leading contemporary art and culture magazine.

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