



## **Brattleboro Museum & Art Center**

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### **Groundbreaking Artist Stephen Knapp to Discuss his Lightpaintings at Brattleboro Museum & Art Center**

*Brattleboro, Vt.*—Stephen Knapp’s innovative lightpaintings have been called “the first new art medium of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.” On Thursday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. Knapp will give a talk entitled “Lightpaintings: An Artist’s Journey” at the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, where several of his works are currently on exhibit. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for students, and free for BMAC members and children 5 and under.

Having dispensed with traditional media and narrative content, Knapp is one of a small group of artists who work directly with light—in this case, white light filtered and reflected by cut, polished glass. A hybrid of painting, sculpture, and architecture, Knapp’s lightpaintings are radiant yet intangible. Beyond their lush colors and striking compositions, the works engage in a serious exploration of space, light, and perception. In his May 21 talk, Knapp will show photos and video in discussing his personal journey as an artist—how a history major with no art background, who first picked up a camera in college, came to be in demand at museums and galleries worldwide. Those attending the talk are welcome to arrive early to view the lightpaintings currently on exhibit. The artist will be available afterwards to answer questions.

Major support for the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center's 2009-2010 season is provided by BMAC members and Entergy Vermont Yankee, Foard Panel, C&S Wholesale Grocers, Sam's Outdoor Outfitters, and Chittenden Bank. The Museum's exhibits and gift shop are open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Tuesday and Wednesday. Regular admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and \$3 for students. Members and children 5 and under are admitted free of charge.

Founded in 1972, the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center presents art and ideas in ways that inspire, educate, and engage people of all ages. Each season features compelling new exhibits of contemporary artwork by regional and internationally acclaimed artists, complemented by lectures, artist talks, film screenings, and other public programs. Located in historic Union Station in downtown Brattleboro, at the intersection of Main Street (Route 5) and Routes 119 and 142, the Museum is wheelchair accessible. For more information call 802-257-0124 or visit [www.brattleboromuseum.org](http://www.brattleboromuseum.org).

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