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Brattleboro Museum & Art Center to Host Second Annual LEGO Contest

Brattleboro, Vt.—The Brattleboro Museum & Art Center will hold its Second Annual LEGO Contest, sponsored by G.S. Precision, Inc., this November. An opening reception and awards ceremony will take place Friday, November 13 at 5:30 p.m., with all contest entries remaining on display at BMAC through Monday, November 16. Contestants must deliver their original LEGO creations to the museum on Wednesday, November 11. Complete contest guidelines and entry forms are available at www.brattleboromuseum.org or by calling 802-257-0124, ext. 101.

To be eligible for the contest, entries must consist entirely of LEGO, Duplo, Megablocks, or other LEGO-compatible plastic bricks and related pieces. They must be wholly original constructions, not based on pre-designed kits, online instructions, or the like. Prizes donated by local businesses will be awarded based on artistry, originality, and architectural design in each of six age groups: preschool, grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, and adult. All contestants will receive four complimentary admission passes to BMAC and a certificate of participation.

“Last year was the first time we did this, and we really had no idea what to expect,” said BMAC Director Danny Lichtenfeld. “We were overwhelmed by the response. We

received nearly 150 entries from contestants ranging in age from toddlers to senior citizens." According to Lichtenfeld, entries included a working pinball machine, a small black-and-white bust of Abe Lincoln, a model of Brattleboro's Harris Hill ski jump (complete with spectators), and a whole host of imaginative space vehicles. "The great thing," Lichtenfeld added, "is seeing kids and adults putting their hands and minds to work in creating something original. That's the fundamental impulse behind all artmaking. For many of these contestants, what starts with LEGOs today will continue with paint, stone, and wood tomorrow."

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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.

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