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BMAC Presents Award-Winning Documentary Film On Artist Alice Neel

Brattleboro, Vt.—On Thursday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m., the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center will host a screening of “Neel,” an award-winning documentary on the life and art of American painter Alice Neel (1900-1984). Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for students, \$3 for seniors, free for BMAC members and children 5 and under; pay at the door or call 802-257-0124, ext. 101.

Alice Neel was one of the great portrait painters of the 20th century. She is renowned for her capacity to express the inner landscape of her varied sitters, among them Andy Warhol, Annie Sprinkle, Bella Abzug, and Allen Ginsburg. Painting a diverse cross-section of humanity, from Communist Party leaders to art world personalities to her neighbors in Spanish Harlem, Neel created a body of work that serves as a social document of New York and America in the 20th century.

Directed by Alice Neel’s grandson, Andrew Neel, the documentary tells the story of the artist’s life, exploring the struggles she faced as a woman, a single mother, and a painter who defied convention. The film weaves together Neel’s own words and images, still photographs, and interviews with art historians, family members, and

portrait subjects. In producing the film, Andrew Neel gained exclusive access to noted video artist Michael Auder's footage of Neel in her 70s and 80s.

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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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