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Brattleboro's Seventh Annual Collegiate A Cappella Concert is sold out Additional Beelzebubs show scheduled for next day

Brattleboro, Vermont— Tickets to Brattleboro's Seventh Annual Collegiate A Cappella Concert, which is scheduled for Saturday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Latchis Theater, are sold out.

Always a popular event, this year's concert got a big boost when one of the participating groups, the Tufts University Beelzebubs, were showcased on NBC's new a cappella reality/competition show, "The Sing-Off," which aired nationwide in mid-December. The two members of the Beelzebubs featured most prominently on "The Sing-Off" were junior Penn Rosen of Brattleboro and senior Matt McCormick of Shelburne, Mass. Rosen delivered a memorable lead vocal performance on Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline," during which he handed a dozen roses to competition judge Nicole Scherzinger, lead singer of the Pussycat Dolls. McCormick took center stage for such numbers as "Come Sail Away" by Styx, a medley of hits by The Who, and the U2 rock anthem "I Still haven't Found What I'm Looking For."

As a result of the February 6 sell out, a second show has been scheduled for Sunday, February 7 at 10:30 a.m. This special one-hour concert will take place at the Brattleboro

Museum & Art Center and will feature only the Tufts Beelzebubs. Tickets are \$20. Space is limited. Call 802-257-0124, ext. 101 for more information.

“We are extremely grateful to the Beelzebubs for squeezing in this extra performance,” said Danny Lichtenfeld, director of the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, the beneficiary of the proceeds of the Saturday and Sunday concerts. “Because of Penn Rosen, Matt McCormick, and now ‘The Sing-Off’, the Bubs have developed quite a following in our area. We were not looking forward to disappointing all those folks planning to order tickets over the course of the next month.” Lichtenfeld explained that the additional concert is being held at an unusual time because the Beelzebubs are scheduled to perform in Northampton, Mass. later that day. “In light of their great showing on national TV, this sort of crazy demand and hectic schedule are probably what the Bubs can expect for a while,” said Lichtenfeld, himself a former Beelzebub.

Those in possession of tickets to the February 6 concert—which is sponsored by Prentiss Smith & Company, with additional support from Brattleboro Savings & Loan, Business & Tax Consultants, and Mary Meyer Corporation—are in for a treat. In addition to the Beelzebubs, the line-up for this year’s concert includes the all-male Brown Jabberwocks, Dartmouth Aires, and Wesleyan Spirits; the all-female UNH Noteables and UVM Cat’s Meow; and the co-ed Ithaca Voicestream. Each group includes an alumnus/a of one of the high schools in the Brattleboro area. According to concert producer Dede Cummings, “The involvement of hometown kids adds a really nice touch and makes this concert unique.” Returning to Brattleboro for the seventh time, the Jabberwocks are the only group to have appeared in this annual concert every year since its inception.

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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