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Brattleboro Museum & Art Center to Host Third Annual LEGO Contest for All Ages

Brattleboro, Vt.—Guidelines are now available for the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center's Third Annual LEGO Contest, which will take place over Halloween weekend. This year's contest is generously sponsored by G.S. Precision and Don Robinson, Builder. Contestants must deliver their original LEGO creations to the museum on Wednesday, October 27. An opening reception and awards ceremony will take place Friday, October 29 at 5 p.m., with all contest entries remaining on display at BMAC through Monday, November 1. 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 six age groups: preschool, grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, and adult. This year there will also be a special category for adult/child collaborations. All contestants will receive four complimentary admission passes to BMAC and a certificate of participation.

“This event has really taken on a life of its own,” said BMAC Director Danny Lichtenfeld. “Each of the past two years we’ve received about 150 entries from contestants ranging in age from toddlers to senior citizens.” According to Lichtenfeld, memorable entries have 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), a giant double helix, and a whole host of imaginative space vehicles. “One thing we want to emphasize,” Lichtenfeld added, “is that the contest element is really just for fun. The best part of this event is that it encourages kids—and adults—to put their hands and minds to work in creating something original, which we are happy to put on display in our museum.”

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Major support for the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center’s 2010-2011 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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