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Free Indie Film-Screening at BMAC Examines Hollywood's Portrayal of Native Americans

Brattleboro, Vt.—On Thursday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m., the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center (BMAC), in partnership with Vermont Public Television and Brattleboro Community Television, presents a free screening of the prize-winning film *Reel Injun*. The screening will take place at BMAC and will be followed by a panel discussion featuring Marlboro College faculty members, including filmmaker Jay Craven, anthropologist Carol Hendrickson, and writer John Sheehy.

The screening kicks off the second season of *Community Cinema*, a free monthly advance-screening project featuring documentary films from the Emmy Award-winning PBS series *Independent Lens*. Every month BMAC, in partnership with Vermont Public Television and Brattleboro Community Television, hosts a free public screening of a cutting-edge documentary film soon to be aired on PBS. Screenings are accompanied by community-based discussions and events, organized by BMAC, that bring together citizens, organizations, and public television stations in dialogue and action around important social issues.

Reel Injun takes an entertaining and insightful look at the Hollywood Indian, exploring the portrayal of North American Natives throughout the history of cinema. Traveling

through the heartland of America, Cree filmmaker Neil Diamond looks at how the myth of “the Injun” has influenced the world’s understanding—and misunderstanding—of Natives. Through candid interviews with directors, writers, actors, and activists, including Clint Eastwood, Jim Jarmusch, Robbie Robertson, Sacheen Littlefeather, John Trudell, and Russell Means, clips from hundreds of classic and recent films, including *Stagecoach*, *Little Big Man*, *The Outlaw Josey Wales*, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest*, and *Atanarjuat the Fast Runner*, ***Reel Injun*** traces the evolution of cinema’s depiction of Native people from the silent-film era to today.

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 People’s United 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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