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Brattleboro Museum & Art Center Hosts Free Experimental Acoustic Music Showcase

Brattleboro, Vt.—Three accomplished, young, cutting-edge musicians will be featured in a free experimental acoustic music showcase taking place at the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center on Sunday, November 14 at 5 p.m. Presently on a three-man tour of venues in New England in eastern Canada, bassist Nat Baldwin, saxophonist Travis Laplante, and multi-instrumentalist Kurt Weisman will play original songs and compositions variously described as “terribly special” (*Boston Phoenix*), “endlessly fascinating ear candy” (*Tiny Mix Tapes*), and “music that might change your life” (*Chicago Tribune*).

New Hampshire-native **Nat Baldwin** is an experimental upright bassist and singer-songwriter who cut his teeth studying with free jazz legend Anthony Braxton. In addition to his three critically-acclaimed solo releases, Nat has collaborated on works with *Extra Life* and *Vampire Weekend*. He is a long-time member of *The Dirty Projectors*.

Originally from Woodstock, Vermont, saxophonist and composer **Travis Laplante** is active in New York City’s experimental music scene and is quickly becoming known as one of the most powerful young voices in improvisational and structured sound.

Laplante has recorded and performed with Anthony Braxton, Mark Dresser, Mat Maneri, Jim Black, Trevor Dunn, Andrew Cyrille, as well as the experimental rock bands *Extra Life* and *Skeletons*. His band *Little Women* has toured internationally to high acclaim and the band's first full-length record *Throat* was recently released on AUM Fidelity records.

Kurt Weisman is a songwriter and multi-instrumentalist living in Vermont. He was a founding member of the collective *Feathers* and has recorded with *Happy Birthday*, *Witch*, and *Devendra Banhart*. Weisman has released solo albums on Important Records and Autumn Records.

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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