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**NATIVE AMERICAN ACTOR AND MUSICIAN GARY FARMER  
TO APPEAR IN BRATTLEBORO AND AT MARLBORO COLLEGE**

Brattleboro, Vt.—Award-winning Native American actor and musician Gary Farmer has more than 90 film and television credits spanning 25 years. His films include Spike Jonze's "Adaptation," Jim Jarmusch's "Dead Man" and "Ghost Dog," Jay Craven's "Disappearances," and Chris Eyre's Sundance Grand Prize-winner, "Smoke Signals," which is credited as the first American feature film written and directed by Native Americans.

**On Tuesday, November 30 at 7 p.m., Farmer will appear at the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center (BMAC) for a special screening of the 1989 Sundance favorite, "Pow Wow Highway," which co-stars Farmer and helped open the door for Native American-themed films at the Sundance Film Festival and in Hollywood.** Writing in the *Chicago Sun-Times*, critic Roger Ebert wrote, "It will be a long time before I forget Gary Farmer in 'Powwow Highway'. It's one of the most wholly convincing performances I've seen." Following the screening, Farmer will answer audience questions and discuss his work with Vermont filmmaker Jay Craven. Admission to the November 30 screening and discussion is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for students, free to BMAC members and Marlboro College students, faculty, and staff. For more information, call 802-257-0124, ext. 103.

On Wednesday, December 1 at 8 p.m., Farmer's New Mexico-based band, *Gary Farmer and the Troublemakers*, will take the stage at Marlboro College's Whittemore Theater for a full-tilt concert of blues, funk, and jam band music. They will play a range of original songs and classics by Howlin' Wolf, John Lee Hooker, Ben E. King, Taj Mahal, and others. Band members include Farmer (harmonica and vocals), Jaimie Bird Yellowhorse (guitar and vocals), John Longbow (bass and vocals), and Toby Williams (drummer and vocals). Admission to the December 1 concert is free to Marlboro College students, faculty, and staff; a \$10 donation is requested from the general public. For more information, call 802-251-7644.

"Pow Wow Highway" tells the story of Buddy Red Bow (A. Martinez) who struggles against developers and political in-fighting to keep his nation on the Montana Crow Reservation. When Red Bow gets news that his sister has been thrown in jail, he teams up with Philbert Bono (Gary Farmer), a gentle Indian philosopher, to make an unforgettable road to trip to Sante Fe to bust her out. Their journey, aboard Philbert's "war pony" Protector (a beat-up '64 Buick) forms the basis of this humorous, harrowing, and illuminating story.

Gary Farmer is a member of the Cayuga nation and Wolf Clan of the Haudenosaunee/Iroquois Confederacy. His Vermont appearances are sponsored by Marlboro College Film Studies, the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, Kingdom County Productions, The Latchis Hotel, and Vermont Main Streets & Back Roads Magazine.

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](http://www.brattleboromuseum.org).

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