



## **Brattleboro Museum & Art Center**

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### **Free Indie Film-Screening at BMAC**

#### **Shatters Preconceived Notions of What People with Disabilities Can Do**

Brattleboro, Vt.—On Thursday, February 3 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 widely acclaimed documentary *For Once in My Life*, which shatters preconceived notions of what people with disabilities can accomplish and reveals the humor, hope, and greatness within us all. The screening will take place at BMAC and will be followed by a discussion with Laura Lawson-Tucker and Darlene Jenson of New England Youth Theatre’s “Theatre Adventure Program” for children and adults with disabilities.

*For Once in My Life* is being shown as part of *Community Cinema*, a monthly series at BMAC featuring documentary films from the Emmy Award-winning PBS program *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 that bring together citizens, organizations, and public television stations in dialogue and action around important social issues.

*For Once in My Life* is a documentary about a unique band of singers and musicians, and their journey to show the world the greatness—and killer soundtrack—within each of them. The 28 band members have a wide range of mental and physical disabilities, as well as musical abilities that extend into ranges of pure genius. In a *cinema vérité* style, the film explores the struggles and triumphs, and the healing power of music, as the band members' unique talents are nurtured to challenge the world's perceptions.

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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