



## **New Exhibit “Cleaning Up Controversy” Opens at the museum**

***Experience a new perspective on Bridgeport’s revitalization through the works of local artists.***

*(Bridgeport, CT)* — On Thursday, February 1 at 5:00PM an exhibit opens for a limited one month display at The Barnum Museum. “Cleaning Up Controversy” is an art exhibit that focuses on the City of Bridgeport’s story through the eyes of greater Bridgeport area contemporary artists. The exhibit will shed new light on the industrial past of Bridgeport featuring works that confront and overcome the stereotypes of Bridgeport by illustrating diversity, local color and the struggles and triumph’s of the city’s revitalization.

The Opening Reception from 5:00 to 6:30 PM is free. Reception music will be provided by Guitarist EC Bradley, whose recently released CD *The Wood The Song* has been featured on WSHU's Acoustic Connections. Bradley is a contemplative musician who integrates jazz, folk, and blues rhythms into her soulful and tender compositions. In addition to the complimentary refreshments and entertainment, all guests will have the opportunity to meet the artists featured in the exhibit. Included in this exhibition are a variety of pieces from the following artists:

Sally Bradley, Susan Breen, Suzanne Kachmar, Lynn Knobel, Marion Najamy, MIA Lipstick, Rachel Moore, Yolanda Petrocelli, David Ryan and Mary Witkowski

The Barnum Museum has three floors of absolutely fascinating exhibits that illustrate the extraordinary life of Phineas Taylor Barnum. P. T. Barnum, one-term mayor of Bridgeport and four-term member of the Connecticut General Assembly, was born July 5, 1810 in Bethel and died April 7, 1891 in Bridgeport. The original museum building, owned by the City of Bridgeport, is listed in the national Register of Historic Places and is totally handicapped accessible.

**What:** “Cleaning Up Controversy” – a new exhibit featuring local artists’ interpretations of Bridgeport stereotypes

**Where:** The Barnum Museum, 820 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604

**When:** Opening Reception, Thursday, February 1, 5:00 – 6:30 PM  
Exhibit closes on March 1, 2007

**Cost:** Opening Reception is free, regular museum admission applies during the month long exhibit

Regular Museum Hours: Tuesday through Saturday - 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,  
Sunday – Noon to 4:30 p.m. General admission: Adults \$5, seniors and college students \$4, Children 4 to 17 \$3 and children under 4 are free.

**For more information call 203-331-1104 or visit [www.barnum-museum.org](http://www.barnum-museum.org)**

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