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Film Society Hosts Artist Program at Local Studio

(Cape May, NJ) Where else would the Cape May Film Society host a film program with documentaries about the fine arts? At a local artist's studio, of course! The Society will present a sampling of films from its Festival Library that relate to the fine arts and the artists. Stefan Prosky, Curator of Films for the Society, says "These films are a beautiful account of some of the most interesting artists working today. And all the better that we're hosting the program at the studio of one of the most interesting artists in Cape May!"

The program, which will be Friday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m., will be held at the studio of Richard Samuelson, local artist and cartoonist whose work has appeared in the *Saturday Evening Post* as well as in local publications. "I'm honored to host the event," he says. "The idea of the program is that the specific examples of painters sculptures, and filmmakers talking about their work will lead into a practical discussion about how we as artists can hone our skills while speaking and writing about our own work. I'm sure my colleagues at the Cape May County Art League will find the presentation both engaging and useful."

The Cape May arts community has always been an active one, and the Film Festival has always featured programming that supports all of the other fine arts. "This places them all within the same short program," says Prosky. "So many times, we the public will look at the artist's finished product and say, 'What was their inspiration?' or 'Why did the work take on this element or that dimension?'" Prosky says that not only is this a great opportunity to see films that document the struggles and triumphs of accomplished artists, but it will be a time to mingle with fine artists right here in town. "Hear about what inspires them and what inspires them to create," he says.

Samuelson's in-home studio is the first house on the east end of Jonathan Hoffman road (which runs parallel to Cape May canal on its north side (near the West Cape May Bridge). Seating for this presentation is limited, so please contact the Film Festival office and make your reservation on the answering service. Their phone number is 609-884-6700.

The Cape May Film Society hosts the Cape May Film Festival, which is New Jersey's premiere film festival dedicated to the support and presentation of creative, challenging, groundbreaking, film/video works by New Jersey filmmakers. The Society is also the region's leading educational and cultural resource for youth and adult learners interested in all facets of the cinematic experience. For tickets to this program, contact the Film Festival office at 609-884-6700 or visit them online at www.njstatefilmfestival.com.

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