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Berkshire Museum presents BerkshireNow: Daniel Brody,
June 3 through August 21, 2016

[Pittsfield, Mass.] - The BerkshireNow gallery space at the Berkshire Museum will feature the work of award-winning filmmaker and artist Daniel Brody from Friday, June 3, through Sunday, August 21, 2016. A reception will be held on Friday, June 3, from 5 to 8 p.m., in conjunction with Pittsfield’s First Fridays Artswalk, when the Museum’s BerkshireNow gallery is open to the public at no cost.

The centerpiece of Brody’s exhibition will be the 9-minute looping video, Game On/Game Over. The video piece is a playful but thought-provoking mashup of animation and live action: A hooded figure walks in the winter woods, a cartoon character pops out of a hole and dances to the sounds of opera and creaking trees, a room floats over snowy fields and sinks into black waters. The video is both comical and foreboding. The meaning is left up to the viewer. Complementing the video will be a collection of recent abstract drawings and paintings which share a similar playful and nervous energy.

Game On/ Game Over won the juror’s award at the 2015 Artists of the Mohawk Hudson Region held at the University of Albany Museum. His films have won awards at the Ann Arbor 8mm Film Festival, the Festival Internacional del Nuevo Cine Super 8, the Belgium Film Festival, the Spacebound Film Festival, the National Young Filmmakers Festival, and the WNETNYC Young Filmmakers festival.
Brody’s drawings and paintings have been exhibited at the University at Albany Museum; The Hyde Collection in Glens Falls, N.Y.; The Saratoga Arts Center in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; the Hudson Opera House in Hudson, N.Y.; and the New York Historical Society in New York, N.Y., among other venues.

Brody, a Brooklyn native, graduated from The Cooper Union School of Art. He worked in New York City as an architectural renderer and, in 2003, opted to move to upstate New York and continue his career as a freelancer. Since relocating to the Berkshires, he has devoted more of his time and energy to painting, drawing, and most recently, returned to a childhood passion, making animated videos. Brody currently resides in Columbia County, N.Y., with his wife Alexandra, and has his studio in Pittsfield.

**BerkshireNow** features four exhibits each year ranging from solo artists to group shows. Outfitting the nine-hundred-square-foot gallery space for the new exhibition series was made possible in part by a grant from the Pittsfield Cultural Council.

**About the Berkshire Museum**
Located in downtown Pittsfield, Massachusetts, at 39 South St., the Berkshire Museum, a Smithsonian Affiliate, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is $13 adult, $6 child; Museum members and children age 3 and under enjoy free admission. For more information, visit www.berkshiremuseum.org or call 413.443.7171.

In association with the Smithsonian since 2013, Berkshire Museum is part of a select group of museums, cultural, educational, and arts organizations that share the Smithsonian’s resources with the nation. Established by Zenas Crane in 1903, Berkshire Museum integrates art, history, and natural science in a wide range of programs and exhibitions that inspire educational connections between the disciplines. **Tiny Titans: Dinosaur Eggs and Babies** will be on view May 14 through August 28, 2016. **Finding Raven: Art and Stories from the Northwest Coast** will be
on view May 28 through October 30, 2016. Little Cinema is open year-round. Spark!Lab, Feigenbaum Hall of Innovation, Worlds in Miniature, Aquarium, and other exhibits are ongoing.

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