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***Macaulay in Montpelier at the Spotlight Gallery***

MONTPELIER -- The Vermont Arts Council presents *Macaulay in Montpelier: selected sketches and drawings*, an exhibit featuring original art work by acclaimed author/illustrator David Macaulay. Depicting everything from the intricate workings of the human brain to the satirical humor of sheep taking over the world, Macaulay's illustrations have captivated audiences around the world.

The exhibit includes works from eight of Macaulay's books published between 1988 and 2010. They "range from the history of architecture and the workings of technology, to aspects of the human body, the decline of society, and why a chicken once crossed a road," said Macaulay. Regarding the individual pieces chosen for the show, he states, "Selected in the dark from hundreds of illustrations and at least five times as many sketches, they represent a tiny sliver of the vast amount of flotsam left in the wake of each book."

Macaulay has written and/or illustrated 18 books, including the international best seller, *The Way Things Work*. His books have sold more than three million copies in the United States alone, and his work has been translated into a dozen languages.

***Macaulay in Montpelier: selected sketches and drawings* opens Friday, September 14. A reception for the artist will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Council's Spotlight Gallery. The exhibit runs through Friday, November 2.**

**About the Spotlight Gallery**

The Vermont Arts Council Spotlight Gallery is open to the public and located at 136 State Street in Montpelier. There are times when the conference room is not available, but the corridor exhibit is always open during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**About the Vermont Arts Council**

The Vermont Arts Council envisions a Vermont where all people have access to the arts and creativity in their lives, education, and communities. Engagement with the arts transforms individuals, connects us more deeply to each other, energizes the economy, and sustains the vibrant cultural landscape that makes Vermont a great place to live. Since 1965, the Council has been the state's primary provider of funding, advocacy, and information for the arts in Vermont. [www.vermontartscouncil.org](http://www.vermontartscouncil.org).

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