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**MIANUS RIVER GORGE PHOTO EXHIBIT TO OPEN AT BRUCE MUSEUM IN GREENWICH**

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**SPECTACULAR PHOTOGRAPHY OF LOCAL NATURAL TREASURE**

**WILL RUN FROM MARCH TO JUNE 2016**

Bedford, NY: To celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding, Mianus River Gorge, Inc. Executive Director Rod Christie invited renowned photographer and local resident William Abranowicz to photograph the Gorge over the course of one year. The project resulted in an array of inspired photographs captured across four seasons and collected in a beautiful book, *A Year in the Mianus River Gorge: Photographs by William Abranowicz*.

A new exhibition featuring Mr. Abranowicz's photographs of the Gorge, printed and framed in large format, opens at the Bruce Museum in Greenwich, CT, on Saturday, March 12, 2016, and runs through Sunday, June 5, 2016. The exhibition features Mr. Abranowicz's keen eye for capturing both the strength and fragility of the Gorge's ecosystem: the giant glacial erratics, the delicate plant life, and the pristine Mianus River. The photographs show viewers the many sides and seasons of this most special, protected place of rushing water, abundant wildlife, and rare old-growth forest.

The exhibition will take place in the Bruce Museum's Bantle Lecture Gallery, and will include video interviews with Mr. Abranowicz and Mr. Christie and videography of the Gorge. Copies of the book and a limited selection of prints will be available for sale.

Sponsorship support is generously provided by Bank of America. "As a proud supporter of the arts worldwide, we are thrilled to sponsor this local, nonprofit collaboration between the Mianus River Gorge and the Bruce Museum celebrating a national, natural landmark," said Jeff Barker, New York State president, Bank of America. "We look forward to helping connect the community with this breathtaking exhibition and nearby preserve."

Only forty miles from New York City, the Mianus River Gorge is a 1000-acre island of forest and fields in suburban Westchester and Fairfield Counties. Steeped in history, the Mianus River Gorge is the first land project of The Nature Conservancy. It is also the nation's first registered Natural History Landmark, as designated by the Federal Government in 1964.

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The Mianus River is one of a number of coastal rivers that empties into Long Island Sound at Cos Cob Harbor in southwest Connecticut. From its headwaters in North Castle and Bedford, NY, to the Mianus River's endpoint at Cos Cob Harbor, the Mianus River and its tributaries, which run directly into the Samuel J. Barch Reservoir, provide safe drinking water for over 130,000 people in Greenwich, Stamford, Rye, Rye Brook, and Port Chester.

Mianus River Gorge, located in Bedford, NY, works to protect and promote appreciation of the natural heritage of the Mianus River watershed through land acquisition, conservation science, research, and education throughout the region.

William Abranowicz has been a photographer for nearly 40 years. His work is included in public, corporate, and private collections throughout the world including The National Portrait Gallery of the Smithsonian Museum, The National Portrait Gallery in London, The Getty Museum and The Metropolitan Museum of Art. He has been a contributing photographer to Condé Nast Traveler for 25 years, and his work has appeared in The New York Times Magazine, Vanity Fair, Elle Décor, Architectural Digest, Vogue, Town and Country, Bon Appetit, Martha Stewart Living and Gourmet. He has created successful campaigns for Ralph Lauren Home Collection, Rolex, Eddie Bauer, Estée Lauder, Banana Republic, Giorgio Armani, Merrill Lynch and Target. To learn more, please visit [www.williamabranowicz.com](http://www.williamabranowicz.com).

The Bruce Museum in Greenwich, CT, presents more than a dozen new exhibitions in art and science every year. The Bruce has been voted the best museum in Fairfield County by area media in recent years, recognition of its growing popularity and efforts to consistently address new subjects of remarkable beauty or great interest with new insights. The Bruce plays an integral role in the cultural life of area residents and attracts approximately 100,000 visitors annually, reaching out to families, seniors, students, the handicapped, at-risk children, and community organizations. To learn more, please visit [www.brucemuseum.org](http://www.brucemuseum.org).

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