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New documentary by 217 Films: *John Marin: Let the Paint be Paint!*

ASHFORD, CONNECTICUT (Feb. 8, 2010) – 217 Films and independent filmmakers Michael Maglaras and Terri Templeton of Ashford, Connecticut announce their new film about American master John Marin.



John Marin, ca. 1908. Photographer unknown.
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In December, *John Marin: Let the Paint be Paint!* made its world premiere in two sold out screenings at the Portland Museum of Art in Portland, Maine.

John Marin: Let the Paint be Paint! tells the story of one of the most important artistic figures of the first half of the 20th century, and the undisputed father of American Modernism. Utilizing more than 70 of Marin's paintings, drawings, and etchings, including works in the private collection of the Marin estate which have seldom been exhibited, filmmaker Michael Maglaras tells the story of Marin's life, from his beginnings in New Jersey, and his early experiments in watercolor, to his days at Cape Split in Down East Maine, where, with his late oils, he established himself as one of the preeminent masters of American art. Written, narrated, and directed by Michael Maglaras of 217 Films. 2009. Not rated. 95 minutes.

This documentary follows Marin's development as a man and as an artist, from his early years as a young architect struggling with his own artistic identity, to his first moments of self-discovery as an etcher and painter, to his final years as the painter and man (in his eighties) whose unending quest for the new never ceased, and who served as the creative example to painters as diverse as Mark Rothko and Jackson Pollock.

John Marin: "Let the Paint be Paint!" was shot on location at the Colby College Museum of Art in Waterville, Maine and at Marin's summer home on Cape Split in Addison, Maine, where he produced some of his most outstanding and memorable work.

Video clips are available to view at this link: <http://www.youtube.com/user/two17films>

A national tour is planned for 2010. Next stops for this film include:

- March 21: Cape Ann Community Cinema -- Gloucester, Massachusetts
- May 27: New Britain Museum of American Art -- New Britain, Connecticut
- June 23: Stonington Opera House -- Stonington, Maine
- August 7: Schoodic Arts Festival, Winter Harbor, Maine

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