

# I.B. Red Car Productions & White Dog Arts

# Press Release

## **Canvasman Documentary - World Premier at Maine Jewish Film Festival - March, 2010**

MJFF will present the world première screening of the documentary Canvasman, which chronicles the dual lives of Portland, Maine native Rob Elowitch, art collector and owner of Barridoff Galleries. Elowitch, who for the last twenty years has also wrestled professionally under the “mat name” Robbie Ellis. Directed by Gary Robinov, also of Portland, the film is a portrait of a man who is less concerned with doing what is expected of him than he is with living a life that is fueled by passion. His journey is one that teaches us that if we follow our hearts, even if they take us in unlikely directions, we can live our lives uninhibited by age and stereotypes and find out who we really are.

**Portland, ME, November 10, 2009:** I.B. Red Car Productions and White Dog Arts is in production of a documentary film called “Canvasman: The Robbie Ellis Story,” directed by Portland, Maine resident Gary Robinov. Robinov’s film examines the dual life of a man whom most people know as a lifelong resident of Portland who runs one of the most respected art auction houses on the East Coast, who is married to his high school sweetheart and is a family man from one of the most prominent and respected families in Maine.

Although he’s now 66 years old, Elowitch travels all over North America and Europe to wrestle under the “mat name” of Robbie Ellis. He takes on men in their twenties in dingy wrestling clubs in primarily working class neighborhoods and defies anyone who thinks age might make him a sucker. Age is incidental to Ellis, not a handicap. And it is in this second career that he finds his greatest lust for life and passion for the world.

“Canvasman” will have its world premier in Portland, Maine - March 2010 as part of the Maine Jewish Film Festival. Kari Wagner-Peck, the Executive and Artistic Director for the Festival says “We are thrilled to be a part of premiering this important film.”

Please view the trailer at [www.canvasmanmovie.com](http://www.canvasmanmovie.com) and do not hesitate to call us with any questions, for bios of the director and crew, and more about information about Robbie Ellis.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

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