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New Murals Highlight Creativity, Community in Wake County

[Raleigh, N.C.] – The United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County is proud to announce that it is working with several Wake County towns on the introduction of new murals in prominent locations.

Fuquay-Varina, Garner, and Wake Forest were the first three towns to complete contracts with United Arts and their selected artists for mural projects.

Artist Sean Kernick completed the first mural between United Arts and a town at 409 Broad Street in Fuquay-Varina, an impressive welcome to downtown that celebrates the civic pride and patriotism of that town with vibrant energy and creativity.

Kernick is a local professional artist with other murals around town. He describes himself as a Motown Philadelphian who has grown roots in Raleigh making murals, publishing magazines and helping to grow a digital production company.

Kernick will also complete a mural in Garner by the end of September with a different theme and feel than the Fuquay mural. Wake Forest selected Taylor White to complete a mural in Spring 2019. Taylor's work is figurative, aiming to infuse a colorful artfulness in each mural.

“We’re grateful to the Wake County commissioners for their ongoing support and commitment to the arts that has made these murals possible,” said United Arts President and CEO, Eleanor Oakley. “United Arts is honored to be a part of our thriving arts community and these murals are a visible reminder of that.”

According to Sig Hutchinson, vice chair of the Wake County Board of Commissioners, “Our communities are so culturally rich with performing and visual artists of every style. Murals showcase the creativity of our community by creating unique places that bring our citizens together.”

United Arts has begun discussions with Eastern Wake towns with hopes that three more towns will sign on for murals for next year. These partnerships involve matching allocations from United Arts and the towns for each project.



Photo: Sean Kernick putting the finishing touches on his new mural in Fuquay-Varina.

The United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, based in Raleigh, NC, was incorporated in 1990. Our mission is to build better communities through the support and advocacy of the arts. For the 2017/18 school year United Arts helped bring in teaching artists to 150 schools in Wake County through its Artists in Schools program. The United Arts Council also offers grants to organizations, communities and individual artists and provides services to the community such as advocacy, resource development, professional/leadership development and special projects. The grants, programs and services of United Arts reach over 1.2 million people annually in Wake County.

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