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Bus Stops for Art, Centennial Mural Artists Chosen for Two Public Art Projects

Using the Las Vegas Valley and the Winchester neighborhood as their canvases, five Nevada artists are making their marks in the name of public art. Works by Montana Black, Shan Michael Evans, Nabila Khanam and Thomas Willis were chosen for "The Bus Stops Here." Their pieces will be enlarged to poster size for a yearlong display in nearly 100 bus stop shade shelters around the Las Vegas Valley. On June 20, artist Brian Porray's work will officially take its place on the Winchester Cultural Center as the Clark County Centennial Mural.

"The Bus Stops Here" is a cooperative public art poster project between the Public Art Committee of the Friends of Winchester Park, Clark County Parks and Recreation and the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada. The four works will provide round-the-clock access to contemporary art for millions of people who will see the suite of posters installed in bus shelter kiosks.

The style and genres vary by artist - from Black's oil portrait of a woman and a giraffe and Evans' anime style affectionate robot to Khanam's photograph of Red Rock and Willis' black and white diptych.

The intent of the project is to showcase Clark County artists and place art in our streetscapes. Each design will be reproduced in a quantity of 25, with one print given to the artist. Each of the selected artworks will be displayed for three months in the bus shelter across the street from Winchester Cultural Center, 3130 S. McLeod Drive. The remaining 23 prints of each design will remain in rotation for one year in bus shelters throughout the valley.

Porray's piece, "Everyone's a Scientist," depicts the implosion in 1995 of the Landmark Hotel, which resided in the Winchester Township near the Las Vegas Convention Center. Although Tim Burton immortalized the implosion on screen in the film "Mars Attacks," the impact of the implosion - preceded only at the time by the demise of the Dunes - is still felt today as the city grows and changes.

Those interested in "The Bus Stops Here," the Clark County Centennial Mural or public art in Clark County can contact Patrick Gaffey at 455-7340 or visit the Web site at www.accessclarkcounty.com/parks.

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unincorporated area. Those include fire protection, roads and other public works, parks and recreation, and planning and development. In 2009, Clark County celebrates a “century of service.”

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