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County, RTC Dedicate Public Art Project Event for 'The Bus Stops Here' Aug. 5 at Government Center

A public dedication ceremony for "The Bus Stops Here," an art project sponsored by Clark County Parks and Recreation, the Friends of Winchester Park Public Art Committee and the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC), will be held at **5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5** at the Clark County Government Center Rotunda Gallery, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway.

Four artists were selected for the project from a countywide competition. Artists Montana Black, Shan Michael Evans, Nabila Khanam and Thomas Willis will be honored at the event. Their pieces were enlarged to poster size and will be displayed in nearly 100 transit shelters throughout the Las Vegas Valley for the next year.

The images range from Black's realistic portrait of a woman and a giraffe to Evans' affectionate anime-style robot to Khanam's photograph of Red Rock under unusual natural light and Willis' black and white diptych depicting an abstract design. The posters are backlit and are particularly powerful images when seen at night.

RTC board member and Clark County Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, who was a member of the jury that selected the artists, and RTC General Manager Jacob Snow will speak at the dedication along with the artists.

The importance of the project lies in the opportunity for public art and local artists to display their work while promoting the importance of transit in our community. In addition to the displays across the valley, each of the selected pieces will be displayed for three months in the bus shelter across the street from the Winchester Cultural Center, 3130 S. McLeod Drive. The center is home to the Friends of Winchester Park, which initiated the project. The project was funded by a grant from the Nevada Arts Council, a division of Nevada's Department of Cultural Affairs, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

For additional information on the project, call the Winchester Cultural Center at (702) 455-7340 or visit Clark County Parks and Recreation's Web site at www.accessclarkcounty.com/parks.

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