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A Star City in Motion

By Jon Murrill

Mural Dedication Ceremony

The **Roanoke Arts Commission** increases the collective impact of arts and culture in the community by

- Advocating for arts and cultural initiatives and investment,
- Developing and Implementing the City's Public Art Plan,
- Advancing the City's Arts and Cultural Plan, and
- Guiding City investments in arts and culture.

Noon
Saturday, October 28, 2023

River's Edge Park North
Reserve Avenue, SW
Roanoke, Virginia, 24016



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oanoke, Virginia is a city in motion.

It's the nature of the Star City - the "Magic City," an outdoors city - to be on the go, to constantly improve. And when we're working hard, exploring the limits of what's possible, it helps to pause, to look at the mountains, the people, this valley that inspires us. That's what this mural invites us to do.

A *Star City in Motion* is the work of Jon Murrill, a portrait artist and former Patrick Henry High School art teacher. While Murrill is quickly building a reputation through his talent, hard work, and attention-grabbing murals, his true hallmark is his generous and inclusive approach to his work. He engages in collaborative conversations with clients. He invites neighbors to paint alongside him. He creates public art with a layered approach, weaving abstract and figurative images, steadily incorporating an array of new techniques and learning aside other artists and collaborators. Today we welcome *A Star City in Motion* to the award winning River's Edge North Park.

Mural development includes participation and support from an array of partners. We do this work as a community. Thank you.

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Jon Murrill is a graduate of Roanoke College and a 2023-24 City of Roanoke Artist in Residence with a plan to catalyze murals across the City in the coming year by working with property owners, artists, and collaborative partners.



Dedication Ceremony

Welcome

Ben Bazak, Roanoke Arts Commission

Comments

Vice-Mayor Joseph L. Cobb

A Star City in Motion

Jon Murrill

Cutting of the Ribbon

Group Portrait

Refreshments