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Bristol Arts & Culture Commission to Reveal MLK39 Mural

Bristol, CT., July 13, 2022 – City of Bristol Arts & Culture Commission is pleased to debut the new MLK39 mural located on the Primo Press building on Thursday, July 14, 2022. The project is in partnership with the Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services Department, Arts and Culture Commission and Connecticut’s RiseUP Group, who are on a mission to bring 39 murals inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to the state; one to honor each year of King Jr.’s life.

Bristol’s mural, featuring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Maya Angelou, and local resident Barbara Hudson, is the 13th mural brought to life, with RiseUP’s Executive Director, Matt Conway, confirming a half dozen more currently underway throughout the state. In September of 2021, the Arts & Culture Commission submitted an application to join the Mural Tour, and within a few weeks, received notice of their acceptance. The Arts & Culture Commission then formed an MLK Steering Committee comprised of local stakeholders tasked with approving the artist, reviewing design concepts and assisting with fundraising outreach. The commission fundraised \$15,000 and hired Connecticut artist, Micaela Levesque to paint the mural.

The reveal celebration event will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 6pm in the New England Carousel Museum parking lot, 95 Riverside Ave, as a part of the Museum After-Hours program. The celebration will feature distinguished speakers, music by DJ Enice, and live screen printing of mural t-shirts. Dem Boyz Grill and Catering will be present for attendees to purchase dinner.

Parking for the event is available at the Bristol Water Department parking lot.

For more information, please visit www.BristolRec.com

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It is the mission of the City of Bristol Department of Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services (BPRYCS) to deliver high-quality services and facilities that enhance the community’s quality of life, meet the diverse needs of all citizens, and build a sustainable future.

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