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PAIR OF FIFTY-FOOT MURALS DEDICATED AT HOLLYWOOD RED LINE CONSTRUCTION SITE

Two large murals by artist Stuart Vaughan, depicting a cross section of subway tunnels being dug beneath Hollywood Boulevard as part of MTA's Red Line project, were officially dedicated at the north entrance to the construction site at Barnsdall Park in Hollywood February 16.

"This artwork is designed to alleviate the effects of construction in the Hollywood area," said MTA's Chief Executive Officer Franklin White. "We especially want to acknowledge the involvement of local elementary and high school students, who contributed ceramic tiles and colorful vinyl banners to the display." The project is part of MTA's Art for Rail Transit (A-R-T) program, which commissions local artists to create public art at rail facilities throughout the county.

Vaughan's work features images of construction workers and their equipment, as well as dinosaur bones that were unearthed last year during tunnel excavation. Also portrayed are passengers waiting on a Red Line station platform, including a wedding party complete with bride and groom. The murals are framed with 600 ceramic tiles created by local elementary school students.

"My aim was to attempt to reveal the fascinating process that is taking place underground, hidden from public view," Vaughan said. "The image of the wedding is a metaphor for the union of Metro Rail and Barnsdall Art Park that is being created at this site."

The project is portable, and can be moved to another construction site in the future.

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