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MURAL AT CAL STATE UNIVERSITY -- LOS ANGELES METROLINK STATION OFFICIALLY DEDICATED AT CEREMONY

A mural entitled "The Muralists", created by artist Terry Schoonhoven with the assistance of art students at Cal State University -- Los Angeles, was officially dedicated at a February 23 ceremony at the CSULA Metrolink station.

The theme of the mural, freedom of expression, is conveyed through various symbolic images of academia, along with a literal depiction of a muralist painting a mural -- a painting within a painting. Creation of the mural was 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.

"As Los Angeles County's rail network grows, so does the outdoor art museum that is being created with it," said Michael Antonovich, a Los Angeles County Supervisor and MTA's Board chairman. "The Blue Line, Red Line and Green Line all feature art that captures the local flavor of the communities they serve."

"This mural is a pleasure to behold," said Franklin White, MTA's chief executive officer. "It will be enjoyed by CSULA students and faculty who use Metrolink for years to come."

Schoonhoven directed a group of young artists from the university and other local colleges in creating the mural, which represents the diversity of students and activities at CSULA.

"My murals are illusionistic paintings, sometimes as architectural or environmental *trompe l'oeil*, sometimes as dreamscape images that exist in the

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mind's eye, yet share the same space with the viewer," Schoonhoven noted. "In this mural, I attempted to combine both of these elements in the same work."

A large dedicatory plaque donated by Edwards Cinemas also was unveiled as part of the ceremony.

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