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UNVEILING OF MURAL ART WORK AT THE METRO RED LINE VERMONT/SUNSET STATION, Thursday, 10 a.m., March 28, 1996

The art work of children and local residents transforms the construction site at the Metro Red Line Sunset Station into a community experience.

Their work will be dedicated on Thursday, 10 a.m., March 28, 1996, at the Barnsdall Art Park, 4814 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles. Participants from the community, including 100 of the children who helped paint the 80 panels surrounding the construction site, will take part in the ceremony, along with MTA Interim Chief Executive Officer Joseph Drew and Councilmember Jackie Goldberg.

The art wall was a community project from the beginning. Children from the neighborhood schools and institutions, Los Feliz Elementary School, Le Conte Middle School, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, and the Jewish Community Center, as well as other members of the community, all took part in MTA-sponsored events, painting portraits of themselves as well as public transport vehicles to create a lively frame for the construction area.

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Gayle Gale, the lead artist on the project, along with artists Lita Albuquerque, Robbie Conal, and Richard Godfrey, supervised 12 workshops at the Barnsdall Arts Park Junior Art Center and at the local hospitals, involving more than 300 participants. All worked under the theme, "We've been working on the Metro...Together!"

"This mural is a community effort," said MTA Interim Chief Executive Officer Joseph Drew. "Many sections of the community came together to create a sense of caring, a pride of ownership in their neighborhood and in this Metro station. Their work gives special meaning to this whole project."

The mural will remain in place until the completion of the Metro Red Line Sunset Station.

The addition of these panels now forms a complete art mural around the construction site. One section of the wall, which also features art work of local residents, was put up at the end of 1994, when construction work first began.

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