



MEDIA ADVISORY

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First-Ever Downtown Mural Festival June 2-8; Fresh Paint Springfield Schedule of Events, Locations Released

Festival Kicks Off with Paint Party at Museums May 26

Springfield—Fresh Paint Springfield, the first-ever mural festival in Downtown Springfield from June 2-8, 2019 that will transform nine large exterior walls into art, has announced the schedule of events open to the public taking place throughout the week. Artists and volunteers will work during daylight hours of the festival. **[Note: artists will be available to media at mural locations during the installation of art. Some artists will begin on May 27, and all artists will be working on their murals from June 2-8.]**

The first event officially kicking off the festival will be the **Fresh Paint Party on the North Lawn of the Springfield Museums on Sunday, May 26 from 1-3 p.m.** All ages are invited to take part in the painting of the largest mural downtown, designed by Greta McLain and GoodSpace Murals, by working alongside the artists on giant paint-by-number canvases which will then be installed on the wall.

Locations of murals: **State Street & the I-91 underpass**, painted by John Simpson from Springfield; **159 State Street**, painted by Damien Mitchell from New York City; **2 Spring Street**, painted by Nero from Springfield; **Skyview Downtown (formerly Chestnut Park) Parking Garage**, painted by GoodSpace Murals from Minneapolis; **8-12 Stearns Square**, painted by Kim Carlino from Northampton; the **Taylor Street Parking Garage**, painted by Priya and Andrae Green from Springfield; **Taylor & Main streets and Hampden & Main streets**, painted by Colectivo Morivivi from Puerto Rico; the **East Columbus Parking Garage**, painted by Wane One from New York City; and the **Union Station Concourse** (artist to be announced soon).

The other events taking place throughout the week are as follows:

- **Friday, May 31, 5 p.m.: White Lion Paint Party at Tower Square Park** – This event will feature music, food, beer, mural tours and painting
- **Saturday, June 1, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Fresh Paint Party at the Springfield Museums (North Lawn)** – The public is invited to take part in the painting of the largest mural downtown, designed by Greta McLain and GoodSpace Murals. Rain location: Tolman Hall, Springfield Science Museum.
- **Wednesday, June 5, 4:30 p.m.: What's on Tap Fresh Paint Party at 1350 Main Street** – This event will feature local craft beer, live music, mural tours and a paint party
- **Thursday, June 6, 5-8 p.m.: Culture and Cocktails at the Springfield Museums** – Culinary treats and entertainment while painting a section of the GoodSpace downtown mural and viewing Museum School artist demonstrations. Ages 21+, \$10 for museum members, \$20 for non-members
- **Saturday, June 8, 1-6 p.m.: The Fresh Paint Block Party in Tower Square Park** – A celebration of the installation of over 20,000 square feet of mural art in Downtown Springfield. Live painting, tours of completed murals, opportunities to meet the artists, food trucks, DJ provided by Genuine Culture. Free and open to all ages. Hosted in partnership with White Lion Brewing

A press packet with detailed information and visuals is available at this link:
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