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## News Release

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### **Carrboro Mural Dedication set for September 24, 2016**

The Town of Carrboro welcomes its citizens to join in a celebration and dedication of phase 1 of the Carrboro Mural that now welcomes travelers to Carrboro. The dedication will take place at the Carrboro Town Commons, Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served in the gazebo during the Farmer's Market.

Well-known Chapel Hill muralist Michael Brown combined elements from 160 self-portraits drawn by local third graders to design the mural located at the intersection of Jones Ferry Road and N.C. 54.

Students at Mary Scroggs Elementary School and Carrboro Elementary School contributed the self-portraits. Brown, who had a long career as an art teacher, worked with some of the kids to do a self-portrait class exercise. He then used bits and pieces from each child's artwork to create the design for the mural, which features Carrboro's town logo and seven large, childlike portraits of children.

Michael Brown was quoted in the Daily Tarheel as saying, "I love kids' work — you just can't do the third grade style".

"You look at each child's portrait and ask yourself 'How does this child think, and what does this child like?' That's just a lot of fun for me, and I think if I get it right, there will be seven different personalities — I don't just mean seven different faces, but seven different personalities — on the wall."

A large number of the children who contributed self-portraits to the mural project live in the neighborhood surrounding the mural. Therefore, the Town would like to invite the community out for cupcakes to celebrate and dedicate the mural and to thank the artist, the children and the teachers for participating to help create this wonderful piece of public art.

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