

Restoration of West Franklin mural begins

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The 17 murals have become a distinct characteristic of the downtown Chapel Hill area, but poor care and vandalism over the years left them in disrepair.

Michael Brown, a UNC graduate and Chapel Hill native, agreed to restore the murals 19 years after he painted the first one.

He started Thursday working on "Musical Youth," which shows young people playing instruments, on West Franklin Street.

"I promised I'd be here to do this when the time came, and the time has come," Brown said.

The restoration is part of the Painted Walls Project spearhead-

ed by the Preservation Society of Chapel Hill to maintain the town's character, said Ernest Dollar, executive director.

Through the Painted Walls Project, 13 murals will be restored if sufficient funds are raised from a combination of community donations and grants.

The \$3,000 restoration of the "Musical Youth" mural will be paid for partly through a grant.

The Chapel Hill Historical Society and Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership also are helping organize the restoration project.

Not much has been done to preserve the murals until now, Brown said, and four can't be restored because of excessive damage.

Brown first restored in July the "Pencil" mural on Henderson Street, said Meg McGurk, assistant director of the downtown partnership.

She said the "Pencil" mural was ruined with graffiti after the restoration, but Brown used his own time and money to fix the damage.

"Brown just has an amazing love for the community and art," McGurk said. "He is truly a Chapel Hill guy."

The project has gained community support because the murals are a significant part of the town.

The murals were originally painted with the help of kids from local schools, Brown said, adding that every year he would paint one in a style or idea related to the

building or area where the mural was painted.

Browns expects to complete "Musical Youth" by Saturday.

He began Thursday by cleaning the painting and sealing the cracks. Brown also will touch up one musician's face and cover graffiti on the other's hand.

He hopes to fix two smaller murals this winter, with others to follow once the Preservation Society raises enough money.

"People are just so passionate about this," said Dollar. "We found something that everyone in Chapel Hill loves."

Contact the City Editor at citydesk@unc.edu.



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- Aries (March 21-April 19)**
Today is an 8 - If you're not already working for yourself, you probably should be. You're knocking yourself out for low pay, and that's the way most entrepreneurs start out.
- Taurus (April 20-May 20)**
Today is an 8 - The sun's going into Sagittarius for the next four weeks. This is the area that brings emphasis to your financial holdings. You have natural talent, but guard against surprises. Stay in charge.
- Gemini (May 21-June 21)**
Today is a 6 - Continue to let your loved ones build up your confidence. They think you can do anything, even when you wonder. Trust them. They're probably right this time.
- Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**
Today is a 6 - There's way too much for one person to do, so get as much help as you need. This job pays well enough that you'll come out ahead. Try a different road if it doesn't work.
- Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
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- Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
Today is a 5 - A behind-the-scenes negotiation works out well for you. This should be a trade. You don't have to tell anybody how much you paid, unless you want to brag.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
Today is a 7 - Hurry and start whatever it is that you want to have grow and be abundant. Pray for what you want to learn easily in the coming year. Make lists of your wishes as well as your resolutions.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
Today is an 8 - You can advance your career now, and make a lot more money. This might involve making a change, but it's not impossible. Think about the pros and cons. Yes, a decision will be required.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
Today is a 7 - Friends can make a connection better than you can yourself. Luckily, you've been getting better at delegating responsibilities. That hasn't happened yet? Well, practice time.
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Today is a 5 - Conditions are changing in your favor. The next few weeks should be fun. Keep sorting through your expenses to see if there are any you can cut. It gets easier with practice.
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