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## **Batavia Mural Project Selects Artists to Beautify Downtown Batavia**

Batavia Enterprises, Inc. (BEI) in partnership with the City of Batavia, Water Street Studios, Batavia MainStreet and the Batavia Arts Council is excited to announce six (6) artists have been selected to create artworks for the Batavia Public Mural Program (the “Murals”). The Murals will be mounted on the exterior of one of BEI’s properties in downtown Batavia.

The Mural Program was originally planned for five (5) murals to be displayed along the west side of BEI’s industrial building at 180 Water Street, where their long-standing customer Pamarco resides. This property is immediately adjacent to Water Street Studios. Due to both the overwhelming response from the artist community and the high quality of designs submitted, the judging panel selected an additional artist to participate in the Mural Program. All completed murals will be displayed.

In early August, the judging panel met to review the 40 applications from artists throughout the Chicagoland area. The panel consisted of Jason Bajor, Batavia City Administrator; Jamie Saam, Batavia Arts Council Member; Rita Grendze, Artist/Sculptor; Alvaro Amat, Design Director for Chicago’s Field Museum; and Austin Dempsey, Vice President of Batavia Enterprises, Inc. The proposals were reviewed for Artistic Merit, Appropriateness to Public Presentation, and Originality.

The following artists were selected for the Batavia Mural Project: Penny Boedigheimer, Patricia Davoust, Joseph Gagnepain, Steven Lockwood, Dana Parisi and Claire E. Sychta.

The completed murals will be dedicated on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at 180 S. Water Street, Batavia.

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