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**Artists Invited to Join Mural Exhibition**

MELBOURNE, Fla., November 25, 2024 — Artists are invited to join Brevard Zoo's upcoming mural exhibition, "Bold Murals: The Joy of Nature," set to open at the Zoo February 15, 2025.

With Trent Art Foundation, the Zoo is seeking 14 Florida-based artists who can be available to paint live at the Zoo for the first few days of the exhibition. Chosen artists will be asked to create 8-foot murals with the prompt of "How does nature bring you joy?"

"Over the years, we've partnered with Trent Art Foundation on a number of community-centered projects, and we're excited to work with Kole Trent again to bring two amazing exhibitions to our visitors in 2025," said Andrea Hill, Brevard Zoo's Director of Marketing & Communications. "We look forward to showcasing the incredible talent of Florida's arts community."

The completed murals from this first exhibition will remain displayed at the Zoo through May 2025. A second exhibition is planned for September 2025, and another call for artists will be held in spring 2025.

Artists are invited to submit creative ideas to be juried, and the artists who are awarded the opportunity to participate will receive a \$1,500 stipend for the work. Mural experience is not necessary, and all forms of artistic backgrounds are welcome.

“Our mission to build a community where art flourishes and artists are supported complements well with the Zoo’s mission to share their joy of nature to help wildlife and people thrive,” said Kole Trent of Trent Art Foundation. “We’re excited to inspire the community with incredible art.”

**Submission Deadline:** Friday, Dec. 18.

**Submission Requirements:** Artists will need to provide a mural concept for this exhibition along with two samples of artwork.

**Jury Process:** Dec. 23-Jan. 3

**Jury Makeup:** Applications will be reviewed by Brevard Zoo staff and select local artists.

**Notification of Acceptance:** Jan. 3.

To apply, visit [TrentArtFoundation.com/artist-applications](http://TrentArtFoundation.com/artist-applications). For questions, email [BoldMuralArt@BrevardZoo.org](mailto:BoldMuralArt@BrevardZoo.org).

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