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**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF A MURAL?**

Sacramento, CA— The Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission's (SMAC) Art in Public Places Program (APP) announces a community photo shoot at Sierra 2 Center for the Arts and Community, December 13 and 14.

Chico artist Peter Bartczak was commissioned this year by the City of Sacramento to create a 40-foot mural depicting faces of people, young and old, on a wall that runs the length of the main hallway at Sierra 2 Center. The artist will use the images of people who live in the neighborhoods surrounding the Center, those who work at, take or teach classes at the Center, and/or attend or participate in performances or events at the Community Center in the mural.

Bartczak will shoot photographs of those who come by the Center and use some of these photographs in his mural. When completed, the mural is meant to represent the vast community (past, present, and future) that make the Center an active and vital organization.

Appointments are not necessary. Participants should drop by the Center Saturday, December 13 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. or Sunday, December 14 from 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The Center is located at 2791 24th Street, Sacramento. The artist suggests you dress as you choose and bring a prop if you wish.

**Artist Peter Bartczak** has been a freelance illustrator, muralist, and sign painter for 36 years, specializing in airbrushing. He attended Pratt Institute in New York City from 1968-72, majoring in Fine Art. Escaping to San Francisco to create his graphic arts shop, Clownbank Studio in 1972, Peter started out airbrushing T-shirts on Fisherman's Wharf. Over the years he was able to attract clients such as Walt Disney Productions, Universal Studio Tours, Atari, Dell Publishing, and Buck Owens Productions. He has also produced public art for the cities of Paradise, Salt Lake City, Gilroy, Santa Cruz, Santa Clarita, Chico, and Palo Alto. Peter's latest achievement has been 26 full color airbrush illustrations for a children's book called *Voice for the Redwoods*, to be published soon by Palace Press. Additional work can be seen on his website [www.clownbank.com](http://www.clownbank.com).

**The Art in Public Places Program** is a nationally-recognized percent for art program offering site-specific, engaging, landmark artwork, created through a collaborative and inclusive process among artists, architects, developers, elected officials, and the community.

APP facilitates outstanding public art projects throughout the City and County, resulting in commissions and installations of over 700 works by locally, nationally and internationally known artists and also includes public exhibitions and tour guide programs.

**The Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission**, established in 1977, is a joint City County public agency devoted to supporting, promoting and advocating for the arts in the region.

**Sierra 2 Center for the Arts and Community**, managed by the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association, is a charming, vintage stucco building built in 1926 as an elementary school. Sierra 2 is located on 3 lushly landscaped acres in the beautiful Curtis Park neighborhood within easy reach of midtown and downtown Sacramento. Sierra Green, a neighborhood park, is adjacent to the Center. This historic site was saved from demolition by the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association (SCNA) in 1976. SCNA's members and community volunteers contributed generous time and resources to renovate the school. Together they transformed Sierra 2 into a non-profit center of artistic, cultural and educational activities. For more information, go to [www.sierra2.org](http://www.sierra2.org).