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Mural Unveiling & Art Workshop

Join us for this special event at the Frances Perkins Branch.

Worcester, **MA** – The Worcester Public Library (WPL) and Worcester Public Library Foundation (WPLF) invite the public to attend an unveiling of the new mural in the youth and teen area of the Frances Perkins Branch at 470 West Boylston Street, Worcester on Tuesday, July 25 at 4 p.m. The mural was created by artist Christian Bachez. After the unveiling there will be a fun, all ages workshop to help you "Find Your Voice" as you create artwork of your very own, guided by Bachez. This event is free and open to the public, no registration is required.

"We are really looking forward to having this amazing art piece in the youth and teen area of the historic Frances Perkins Branch," said Jason Homer, WPL Executive Director. "We hope it will ignite the imagination of all the kids who use the library, and we hope the public will join us for this fun event that celebrates the magic of art and community."

Christian Bachez is a painter, muralist and digital artist currently based in Worcester, MA. He specializes in bright, colorful and imaginative depictions of scenes where children are pursuing their passions and exploring the world around them. His goal as an artist is to depict his art in a fun, playful way appropriate for all ages, prompting his viewers to ask questions relating to self-identity. He hopes to not only inspire children around the world but also make art more accessible to people of all backgrounds.

"We are very grateful for the support of the Worcester Arts Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Their commitment to promoting artistic expression and fostering a vibrant community has made this mural a reality," said Christine Murray, WPLF Executive Director. "We are so excited to partner with such a talented artist, Christian Bachez, and look forward to sharing his creativity with the community." This program is supported in part by a grant from the Worcester Arts Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

For more information on the Worcester Public Library visit <u>mywpl.org</u>. For more information on the mural unveiling and art workshop contact Linnea Sheldon, Community Relations and Communications Manager, at 508-799-1654 or <u>Isheldon@mywpl.org</u>.

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