

# REFLECTIONS OF THE CITY



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## Rochester to celebrate 4 new murals in program aimed at neglected neighborhoods

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Rochester will celebrate its newest public art project with the official unveiling and dedication of four new murals in its neighborhoods Saturday.

The artwork joins the dozens of murals throughout the city, each bringing its own powerful imagery and message to the city.

Rochester allocated \$80,000 for the new

murals through its Percent for the Arts Program. The artwork extends beyond center city and into “neighborhoods most affected by redlining, gun violence, and historical disinvestment,” according to a city news release.

The murals were more than a year in the making with some being completed late last year and others getting finishing touches earlier this month.

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# Murals

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Saturday's Roc Murals Day Celebration will include events at each site and runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., according to the city. The day "will feature the art, artists' discussions about their work, refreshments, and other family-friendly activities, including a Mural Art Passport book," according to city officials.

## Where are Rochester's newest murals?

Here is where you can find the art work and the times for the celebration at each on Saturday:

### Edgerton R-Center

The mural of the front wall of the Edgerton R-Center now welcomes visitors with a unique take on the Rochester logo and birds taking flight on stunning shades of blues and grays. The center is at 41 Backus St. The artists are Shawnee Hill and Katie Jo Suddaby, according to the city. Event takes place at 11 a.m. Saturday.

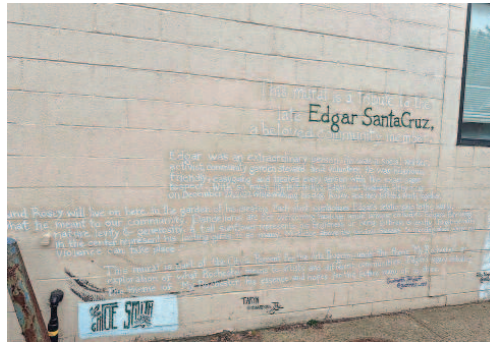
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p.m. Saturday.

### Lincoln Branch Library

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### Dr. Charles T. Lunsford School No. 19

A wall on the Dr. Charles T. Lunsford

School No. 19 at 465 Seward St. has been transformed by artists Hugo Medina and Erica Bryant. The mural is based on the work of Bryant, a former



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Justice. It originated as part of her collage "No Unusual Occurrence" and was painted by Medina, said Bryant, a Rochester native, in a Facebook post. Saturday's event at the school is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

## How are the arts publicly funded in Rochester?

The city, in a news release, said it allocates 1% of total development costs of eligible infrastructure projects annually for public art initiatives.

"This program dedicates funds to various community art programs including Arts Bloom, Locus Focus, and the Arts & Culture Plan for Rochester and Monroe County," according to the city.

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