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Bradley International Airport partners with local non-profit to display murals inside main terminal

Windsor Locks, CONN – *August 6, 2024* – Bradley International Airport (BDL) is pleased to announce that it's the latest location in Connecticut to serve as a canvas for local artists

Bradley International Airport, in partnership with RiseUP for Arts, is now displaying five murals inside the main terminal, located post security. The installation of the murals is part of the BDL Art & Music Program, which features rotating exhibits, permanent displays and musical performances in the airport.

RiseUP for Arts, which is based in Hartford, is a community initiative that supports local artists and amplifies their voices through various forms of creative expression. Since 2015, RiseUP for Arts has completed 250 murals throughout Connecticut – with BDL being the most recent location.

The murals at BDL, which were installed this month, were painted by local artists Patrick Ganino, Micaela Levesque and Chris Gann.

“Being a long-time resident of Connecticut and a muralist in the state for over 25 years, it's an honor to have a piece at the airport,” said Patrick Ganino. “Traveling the country painting murals puts me inside Bradley Airport more times than not. It will be nice to see a piece of my art in there for all to enjoy.”

The inspiration for the murals comes from landscapes and imagery that represents Connecticut and New England, some of which includes the shoreline, Old Wethersfield and Kent Falls State Park.

“I hope that travelers leave with a deeper appreciation and curiosity for what New England has to offer,” said Micaela Levesque. “My goal is to inspire more people to explore Connecticut's natural beauty and rich history.”

“Having my artwork displayed in an open and public space like Bradley International Airport gives it a unique opportunity to reach a diverse audience,” explains Chris Gann. “This exposure allows my art to have a broader impact and potentially inspire and captivate people from all walks of life. It can spark conversations, evoke emotions, and create a sense of wonder and curiosity among viewers.”

For more information about the BDL Art & Music Program, visit www.bradleyairport.com/bdl-art-music

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About Bradley International Airport

Bradley International Airport (BDL) is New England’s second-largest airport. Recognized nationally by leading travel publications for its ease of travel, Bradley International Airport is ready to welcome you with new nonstops and expanded services. The award-winning airport is operated by the Connecticut Airport Authority, and its operations are entirely self-funded. The airport contributes nearly \$3.6 billion to the regional economy. For more info, visit www.bradleyairport.com.

About The Connecticut Airport Authority

The CAA was established in 2011 to develop, improve, and operate Bradley International Airport and the state’s five general aviation airports (Danielson, Groton-New London, Hartford-Brainard, Waterbury-Oxford, and Windham). The CAA Board consists of 11 members with a broad spectrum of experience in aviation-related and other industries, as well as government. The goal of the CAA is to make Connecticut’s airports more attractive to new airlines, bring in new routes, and support Connecticut’s overall economic development and growth strategy. For more info, visit <https://ctairports.org/about/caa-ten-year-anniversary/>.

About RiseUP for Arts

"RiseUP for Arts has completed over 250 mural and placemaking projects since 2015 throughout Connecticut. RiseUP works with 100+ local, professional artists, collaborates with 100s of partners, and hosts 1,000+ volunteers per year to help beautify our communities. RiseUP for Arts creates public art through public art consulting and curating, donations, grants, and community goodwill. RiseUP supports artists, cities, other nonprofits, companies, and local community members in making their public art projects come to life. The organization helps create the vision and manages the entire process to beautify communities. Find out more at www.theriseupgroup.org"



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