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Iconic Railroad Museum Mural Revitalization Part of Wide Open Walls Festival in August

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum & Foundation are excited to announce a significant revitalization of the iconic and freeway-facing mural will be part of the 2017 Wide Open Walls mural festival happening August 10-20, 2017. The large-scale 25' tall X 21' wide mural is secured on the side of the California State Railroad Museum building and is clearly visible by drivers on the heavily traveled I-5 freeway.

Originally commissioned by the California State Railroad Foundation 18 years ago – timed to coincide with Railfair '99 – the eye-catching artwork was designed and created by artist Stephanie Taylor, who is the same artist who will update the mural in August. In addition to being a licensed Disney fine artist, Taylor is a dynamic and multi-talented artist who has been creating site-specific installations and paintings for 40 years, all over the United States and in Paris. Additionally, she has more than 30 large-scale mural and sculpture projects in the Sacramento region.

With a degree of creative license incorporated into the original design, the mural showcases a steam engine as it figuratively breaks through the brick wall of the building. While keeping the iconic centerpiece locomotive image in place, Taylor is pursuing various new adaptations, use of new colors, materials and paint products to revitalize the piece in creative and visually exciting ways that were not available when the piece was originally commissioned.

After the design was completed for the Railroad Museum in 1999, the piece was printed on vinyl and installed on the side of the building. However, this time around and as part of the city-wide street art festival, Taylor will rework the mural from a lift for three to four hours per day during the length of Wide Open Walls. Once confirmed, a daily painting schedule will be available on the Museum's website so interested visitors to the California State Railroad Museum and Old Sacramento State Historic Park can watch the creative process in progress from street level at 2nd and I Streets.

For more information about the California State Railroad Museum, please call 916-323-9280 or visit www.californiarailroad.museum/. For more information about Wide Open Walls, please visit www.wow916.com.

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