

RIBBON CUTTING AND DEDICATION FOR SPRING LAKE'S LATEST ART IN THE PARK PROJECT

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On Tuesday, September 29 at 5:30pm, Seven Steps Up will dedicate completion of a mural project on their building. This is the latest artwork commissioned by the Art In The Park Project which has resulted in several outdoor public art murals over the past two years in the Village of Spring Lake.

The mural on the north side wall of Seven Steps Up Live Music + Events entitled "Together" reflects the artist's view of

how music and diversity can bring people together. Five Spring Lake High School art students submitted proposals for the project, with one from Liv Butler chosen in a blind audition by owners Gary and Michelle Hanks.

“It was difficult to just pick one as all five were worthy of selection,” said Mrs. Hanks. “We were so happy to learn that the other four will be given commissions to paint murals in another Village location.”

Private donations and a grant from the Grand Haven Community Foundation funded the project.

Ms. Butler worked on the mural for over two months with her progress followed in daily social media videos and media stories in newspapers, blogs, and television news. She is currently a senior at Spring Lake High School and hopes to continue her art education in college next year.

The colorful 12ft x 14ft mural depicts a diverse population interspersed with live music elements including a lyric line from the poignant song by The Alternate Routes called “Nothing More.” As the song goes, “We are how we treat each other and nothing more”.

“All during the project, people stopped by to look and take photos and talk to Liv,” said Mrs. Hanks. “It’s a very fitting message for a live music venue like us. We hope people will come out for the ribbon cutting and express their appreciation to Liv.”

WHAT: Ribbon Cutting/Dedication for Newest Art In The Park Mural

WHEN: Tuesday, September 29, at 5:30pm

WHERE: Northside of Seven Steps Up, 116 S. Jackson St., Spring Lake, Mi



Seven Steps Up Live Music + Events is West Michigan's original listening room. Located in downtown Spring Lake, Michigan in a renovated Masonic Temple (circa 1919), it is in its ninth year of operation. With over 500 concert performances featuring GRAMMY winners/nominees, music legends, and rising stars it has become an anchor of Spring Lake's revitalization and a beacon for live music lovers throughout Michigan and surrounding states.