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“Whale Wall” Mural to Undergo Refresh by Original Artist

Painting will conclude with a dedication ceremony Oct. 4

CLEVELAND – The city’s iconic “whale wall” mural on the Cleveland Public Power building along Interstate 90 will undergo a refresh this week. Internationally renowned marine life artist and conservationist Wyland returned to Cleveland to perform the work and began painting on October 2.

Plans for the restoration were first announced in April by Mayor Frank G. Jackson and Wyland during the latter’s visit to kick-off his foundation’s annual national outreach effort for water conservation.

“Clean water and a healthy environment are important to help build a strong economy and thriving community,” said Mayor Jackson. The mural, titled “Song of the Whales,” was originally dedicated on October 6, 1997. It is part of the Wyland Whaling Wall project, one of the world’s largest public art projects, with 100 life-size marine life murals created in a 30-year span in 17 countries.

“This year marks the 50th anniversary of 1969 Cuyahoga River fire,” said Wyland Foundation president Steve Creech. “The Wyland murals have always been intended to raise awareness about clean water and healthy oceans, so we couldn’t think of a better time to restore the mural than this year.”

The public is encouraged to watch the process and meet the artist throughout the week. A rededication ceremony is planned for 5 p.m. today.

WHO: City of Cleveland Officials
Wyland, Marine Life Artist and Conservationist
Wyland Foundation Representatives

WHAT: “Song of the Whales” mural rededication ceremony

WHEN: 5 p.m., Friday, October 4

WHERE: 5251 North Marginal Road

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