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# **News Release**

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**Subject: First Friday Unveiling Set for New Windows Alive! Art Display**

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## **First Friday Kickoff Set for New Windows Alive! Art Display**

Empty storefronts in Downtown Yakima will come alive again on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> when the talents of local artists are put on public display. Four years ago, the Yakima Arts Commission, an advisory group appointed by the Yakima City Council, developed the idea to harness the creativity of Central Washington artists.

"It's always exciting to see the new artwork," said Yakima Arts Commission Chair Noel Moxley. "Windows Alive! is a wonderful program that continues to add to the vibrancy of Downtown Yakima."

Following a submission and evaluation process, outstanding artists from the region were chosen to be part of the latest "Windows Alive!" exhibition, which will run from October 6<sup>th</sup> until February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The kickoff for the latest Windows Alive! exhibit will take place at 5:30 pm on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Art will be displayed in storefront windows located along the north side of Yakima Avenue between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

Artists chosen to display their work will be available to talk about their pieces. The event will be held in conjunction with "First Friday" activities in Downtown Yakima, which showcases local wineries, restaurants and shops with specials and entertainment.

Artists selected for the latest "Windows Alive!" exhibition are: Mike Hiler of Yakima, collaborators Delma Tayer of Selah and Jane Fassel of Naches, Elena Nelson of Yakima, Sandy Krage of Yakima, Josh Caffrey of Selah, and collaborators Leo Adams of the Yakama Nation and Jane Gutting of Yakima. Each received a \$250 stipend.

"I've really enjoyed working with this new group of artists as their art is so varied as well as their ages," said Windows Alive! Coordinator Jane Milford Cooper.

Additional information is available at <http://www.windowalive.com/>