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**James Barany Studios to Create
Historical Murals in Chilton & Stockbridge this Summer**

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Chilton native James Barany will be creating 2 historical murals in Calumet County this summer. The first is currently under way at 40 W Main in Chilton and the other will be started at the end of July at 101 S Military in Stockbridge. These will be very large and will fill most of the side of each building. "Large historical murals on old buildings are a perfect match." James Barany said about the project. "People are going to have fun watching the murals develop. We invite everyone to come and see the process." he added. James Barany, along with Interns, will be working all summer to complete these murals. James Barany is a Chilton native and professor of art at the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design. The interns are from Miami, FL, Brookfield, Neenah and Chilton, WI. Together they represent the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, Maryland Institute College of Art, and UW-Stout. "These are talented and hardworking students." Barany said. "I think it's really special that a Chilton Alumnus, Olivia Bonlander, will be working on the murals as well as the educational portion in the schools".

"These two murals will display the rich cultural heritage of Calumet County. They are dense with both history and art." said James Barany the lead artist and the designer of this project. Each will feature real historical photos and events that are important to Chilton and Stockbridge history.

This project is being sponsored by the Calumet County Historical Society. "We have the support of several excellent organizations in the area that were able to see James' vision and were willing to support it. These organizations have funded the project and made them happen." said Terry Friederichs President of the Calumet County Historical Society, "Without the Community Foundation-Bright Idea Fund, the Chilton Area Community Foundation and the Wisconsin Arts Board this would not be happening." Friederichs added.

After the building murals are completed, James and his staff will help with projects in the Chilton and Stockbridge schools. These projects will teach students how to design and create murals of their own. "The students will learn from the people that worked on the murals and hopefully will be inspired by them to be creative. They will learn what an impact art can have on society." said Friederichs.

To see more on this project including the mural designs, history behind each, the work schedules, the people involved, and sponsors that are making this happen please visit

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The *Calumet County Mural Initiative* would not be possible without the generous support of the *Community Foundation of the Fox Valley-Bright Idea Fund, the Chilton Area Community Foundation, the Wisconsin Arts Board* and the *Calumet County Historical Society*. The Community and the State of Wisconsin have played an essential role in this project. Without the support of each of them, this project would not be happening. This project increases access and visibility to the arts and local history. This project also includes an important educational component that will be conducted in the Chilton and Stockbridge School Districts. The projects will help students understand how to foster Art and History in their own lives.

About James Barany

James Barany is a 1988 Chilton High School alumnus. In 1992 Barany earned his BFA in Drawing from the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, and his MFA in Drawing and Painting with an additional focus in Vocal Performance from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee in 1997. Barany has been a Full-time member of MIAD's Foundations and First-Year Experience department since 2000 and has performed with the Grammy-winning Florentine Opera Company since 2005. James is an active member of the American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA), Foundations Art Theory and Education (FATE) and the College Art Association (CAA).