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Concord seeks artists for public art project

Initiative will use vibrant artwork on vinyl wraps to transform traffic signal boxes

FROM STAFF REPORTS

CONCORD — The city of Concord is accepting submissions from artists for a new public art project that will transform

traffic signal boxes into colorful public art installations across the city.

The Concord Public Art Commission is seeking original artwork to be reproduced as vinyl wraps for traffic signal boxes at seven intersections, including the busy intersection of Bruton Smith Boulevard and U.S. Highway 29 near Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Artists selected for the project will receive a \$500 stipend for each artwork chosen, with a maximum of three

selected designs per artist.

The project is the latest effort by the Public Art Commission, with support from the Concord City Council, to incorporate art into everyday public spaces.

City officials say the initiative is intended to add color and vibrancy to neighborhoods while making public infrastructure more visually appealing.

The traffic signal box wraps join several other public art initiatives led by the

commission, including the Downtown Concord temporary sculpture exhibition, murals in downtown and at Les Myers Park, art-wrapped Rider Transit buses and an interactive online map highlighting public art throughout the city.

Artists interested in applying can find eligibility requirements and submission guidelines in the city’s Call for Artists at concordnc.gov/PublicArt.

Applications are due Aug. 24.

OLD COURTHOUSE THEATRE

READY FOR THE STAGE



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The Old Courthouse Theatre opens its 51st season with “The Three Musketeers” in August.

‘Three Musketeers’ will open OCT’s 51st season in Concord

ANDY RASSLER
Old Courthouse Theatre

Old Courthouse Theatre’s 51st season, Around the World in Five Plays, takes us first to France with an adaptation of Alexandre Dumas’ beloved novel, “The Three Musketeers” — a swashbuckling tale of heroism, treachery, close escapes, and above all, honor.

Since its opening at the Bristol Old Vic in 2006, this fast-paced, hysterical comedy by the brilliant Ken Ludwig has garnered nonstop ecstatic and enthusiastic reviews.

Set in 1625 Paris, this story follows D’Artagnan and his tomboy sister, Sabine. Disguised as his servant, Sabine joins her brother as he befriends the famous musketeers Athos, Porthos and Aramis. Together,

they face the ruthless Cardinal Richelieu and deadly Milady de Winter to defend the Queen’s honor.

OCT welcomes a new director to the main stage, Steve Price. After performing as Froggy in the 50th season opener, “The Foreigner,” Price tackles the challenging role of director for this very physical and historic piece. To assist in this endeavor, Price has enlisted the help of fight coordinator, Allison Collins.

As part of the preparation for these performances, the cast participated in a grueling full week of sword-fighting rehearsals and training; they are eager to parry and thrust their way across the stage.

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CABARRUS SPARK

Grant program aims to help nonprofits grow impact

FROM STAFF REPORTS

CONCORD — The Greater Cabarrus Foundation (GCF) recently announced the launch of Cabarrus Spark, an innovative capacity-building grant program that connects philanthropic investors with vetted, high-impact projects designed to strengthen the organizational infrastructure of nonprofit agencies serving Cabarrus County.

Rather than providing traditional programs or operating support, Cabarrus Spark focuses on the systems, leadership and organizational capacity that enable nonprofits to grow their impact for years to come. Every project is carefully scoped by Support Cabarrus, the Foundation’s capacity-building division, reviewed and approved by the Greater Cabarrus Foundation, and presented to community investors with clearly defined outcomes and funding goals.

“Cabarrus Spark represents a new way of thinking about philanthropy in Cabarrus County,” said Cam Cruickshank, Ph.D., president and CEO of the Greater Cabarrus Foundation. “We have learned that the strongest nonprofits are built on strong leadership,

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Medical board reprimands Concord ENT doctor

He told patient to put hand sanitizer in ear

AMBER GAUDET
The Charlotte Observer

A Concord ear, nose and throat doctor was reprimanded by the North Carolina Medical Board this month after telling a patient to put hand sanitizer in her ear.

Dr. Robert Patel Quinn, who owns an independent practice with offices in Concord and Salisbury, saw the 47-year-old woman in September 2024 when she came in for left ear pain and fullness. After a brief examination, Quinn recommended treatment with hand sanitizer applied into the ear canals during the visit and at home, according to a reprimand issued by the medical board on July 16.

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