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### **Poe Center Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Gala and Commemorative Mural**

*North Carolina Artist Nicholas Bragg Creates Commemorative Mural in Honor of the Poe Center's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

Raleigh, N.C. – On September 24, 2016, the Poe Center for Health Education will host its 25th Anniversary Celebration. More than 275 people are expected to attend the fund-raising event, which will highlight a large-scale mural created by North Carolina artist Nicholas Bragg. The gala will also include silent and live auctions benefiting the Poe Center. The public is invited.

The commemorative mural entitled, Alice Aycock Poe Center Twenty Five Years and the World, is the culmination of an eight-month process of transforming the insights, images and ideas from the staff, board of directors, donors, and founders of the Poe Center into a piece of art. A resident of Winston-Salem, NC, Mr. Bragg donated his time, talent and materials to create this one-of-a-kind piece which captures Poe's past, present, and future within the context of world history. Measuring 12x5 feet, the mural consists of 65 symbols representing 5000 years of history beginning with an ancient Cherokee pot and ending with a stem cell to present modern science.

"This mural is not only a gift to Poe, but to all our visitors. Everyone who comes in our doors will not only be able to enjoy its beauty, but will also learn something about art, history and health. It's a treasure to our State," says Ann Rollins, Executive Director of the Poe Center.

For the full story of the creation of the Poe Center's commemorative mural, read our blog at <http://www.poehealth.org/painting-the-past-present-and-future-of-health-education/>

**Event:** Poe Center 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & Presentation of Commemorative Mural by artist Nicholas Bragg  
**Date:** September 24, 2016  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Poe Center for Health Education  
224 Sunnybrook Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27610  
**Registration:** Open to the public.  
Register on line at:  
<http://www.poehealth.org/events/poe-center-25th-anniversary-celebration/>



The media is invited to preview the mural and contact Mr. Bragg for interviews. For video and photography inquiries, contact Jennifer Bell, Marketing Director, at [j.bell@poehealth.org](mailto:j.bell@poehealth.org). Media inquiries for Mr. Bragg should contact Nicholas Bragg at 336-577-0840 or [nbragg260@gmail.com](mailto:nbragg260@gmail.com).

The mural will also be available for public viewing at PoeFest, a free family-friendly festival scheduled for October 22, 2016 at the Poe Center.

**About the Poe Center**

The Alice Aycock Poe Center for Health Education is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating and empowering North Carolina's children, youth and their families to make choices that increase positive health behaviors. Since establishing its Raleigh facility in 1991, the Poe Center has provided health education to nearly one million children throughout North Carolina. By engaging in fun, highly interactive lessons, preschoolers through twelfth graders receive information that follows the NC DPI Healthful Living Essential Standards on a variety of health topics, including nutrition, dental health, general health, family life and drug prevention. For additional information about the Poe Center, please visit [www.poehealth.org](http://www.poehealth.org).

**About Nicholas Bragg**

Nicholas Bragg is a native of Oxford, North Carolina and a graduate of Wake Forest University. He started his career as a Historic Site Specialist at the NC Department of Archives and History in Raleigh. He then moved on to become the Director of Education and Interpretation at Old Salem. Later, he became the first Executive Director of Reynolda House, Museum of American Art and was their director for 29 years before retiring in 1999.

In addition to creating art, he is a guest teacher at Salem College, Winston-Salem State University and the North Carolina School of the Arts. He now serves on eight arts and community boards in North Carolina and continues his lifetime passion of painting, leading travel groups to explore the arts, and museum consulting. He is father of four and grandfather of three. For more information, go to <http://www.poehealth.org/support-poe/25th-anniversary-campaign/nicholas-burton-bragg/>.

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