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## 2ND MURAL TO BE PAINTED IN DOWNTOWN ALPENA AS A PART OF FRESH WAVES

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ALPENA MI— After a short delay, a second mural will be painted in Downtown Alpena as a part of Fresh Waves: The Downtown Mural Project which the Alpena Downtown Development Authority (DDA) kicked off last summer in 2019. Last year’s mural was painted by artists Aaron Golbeck and Chad Bolsinger on the side of Family Enterprise Embroidery, located at 211 S. Second Ave.

The purpose of Fresh Waves is to celebrate artistic and creative freedom and introduce new, vibrant, one-of-a-kind fine art as public art in the downtown district.

This year’s second mural will be painted by Britt Flood, a professional artist based in Pittsboro, North Carolina, on the Fletcher Street side of Thunder Bay Theatre’s warehouse.

Britt has a personal goal of painting a mural in all fifty states and beyond. She has left her mark in Massachusetts, Michigan and throughout North Carolina, and has been commissioned by various municipalities, festivals, and businesses.

“I’m interested in visualizing tenderness and bringing moments of poetry, personal transformation, and connection to communities through public art and large scale painting. A simple line moving from a silhouette of a figure to a flower can symbolize an everlasting moment of connection, and that is what I hope to bring to Alpena as a contributing artist to the Fresh Waves project; moments of growth, connection, and positivity that can be felt and remembered,” said artist, Britt Flood.

“In these difficult and unprecedented times of COVID-19, and after the fire that destroyed John A Lau and damaged Thunder Bay Theatre, I think we need those moments of growth, connection, and positivity now more than ever. This mural is coming at a time when we’ve been forced to redefine and rethink how we connect with another, how we come together. Having both of these murals painted this year, in spite of all we have endured as a community, was especially important to all of our committee members when artists and locations were selected in March. Everyone thought it was important to bring these two artists so focused on positivity to our community in this time that can feel so dark, hopeless and overwhelming,” said Kingsli Kraft, Marketing and Outreach Coordinator at the DDA.

Britt will be in town painting the mural August 24th through August 28th. The community is welcome to take a walk by Thunder Bay Theatre to see her progress over the week.

For more information, visit <https://www.downtownalpenami.com/fresh-waves-mural-project.html> or follow the progress of the mural on Downtown Alpena’s Facebook and Instagram.