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CITY TO FEATURE ARTWORK DURING "ART WALK" EVENT

Meridian, ID – (September 16, 2014) As part of its ongoing commitment of, "*Built for Business...Designed for Living*," the City of Meridian will feature an unveiling of three public art displays in downtown Meridian.

The public is invited to an Art Walk, scheduled for October 7, starting and ending at Meridian City Hall, 33 E Broadway Avenue. The event starts with a welcome reception at 4:30 pm in Initial Point Gallery, located on the third floor of City Hall. The newest exhibit will feature art of the Idaho Watercolor Society. The guided walk will begin at 5 pm at the gallery, which is always open to the public during business hours.

The walking tour will feature a stop at the Split Corridor at Main and Ada Streets to view the public art creation by artist C.J. Rench, entitled "Under the Sun and Dreaming." The abstract steel work is an impressive 14-feet high by 20-feet wide and weighs 1,500 pounds.

"We are very excited about this opportunity to showcase our newest public art piece in downtown Meridian," said Mayor Tammy de Weerd. "Featuring artwork throughout our community enriches the quality of life for all Meridian residents, businesses and visitors."

The Art Walk will also include a stop at the first installation of Meridian's Traffic Box Community Art Project, at the intersection of Main and Pine Streets. This first piece includes a vinyl wrap created from a watercolor painting entitled "Sunset Walk," by Meridian Middle School student Kory Ramsey. Additional installations are planned for the coming year at traffic boxes throughout Meridian. The community also has the chance to 'sponsor a box' with local children's artwork.

For more information on any of the City of Meridian art programs, please email the Meridian Arts Commission at mac@meridiancity.org.

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The City of Meridian is located in the center of the Treasure Valley in southwest Idaho. Founded in 1893 and incorporated as a city in 1903, Meridian is now one of Idaho's largest and fastest growing communities. Meridian has previously been cited by Money Magazine as one of its 100 Best Places to Live, and by America's Promise Alliance and ING as one of the nation's 100 Best Communities for Young People. For more information, visit www.meridiancity.org.