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***ZAP! 7 THE ARTISTS WHO TOOK OVER MARYLAND PARKWAY***  
**ON VIEW AT THE NEVADA HUMANITIES PROGRAM GALLERY**

**Las Vegas, NV** – Nevada Humanities presents *ZAP! 7 The Artists Who Took Over Maryland Parkway*, August 6 through September 24, at the Nevada Humanities Program Gallery, located at 1017 S. First Street, #190 in downtown Las Vegas. The exhibition features artwork by the artists that were commissioned by Clark County Parks and Recreation to create public art on utility boxes along Maryland Parkway, from Desert Inn Road to Russell Road. The exhibition reflects the style and direction each *ZAP! 7* artist is pursuing in their own body of work, outside of the parkway project.

The artists featured in the exhibition are: Abraham Abebe, Chris Bauder, Gig Depio, Shan Michael Evans, Jon Salvador Gascon, Adolfo Gonzalez, Tatiana Hantig, Su Limbert, Sush Machida, Melissa McGill, Krystal Ramirez, Lisa Rock, Sean Russell, Nanda Sharifpour, Lance Smith, Erin Stellmon, Holly Vaughn, Eric Vozzola, Valentin Yordanov, and the UNLV Public Art Class comprised of Amy Cordes, Shirin Mogimi, Jeff Sarmiento, Alfred Pulido, Amanda Telleria, Burim Kalaveshi, Michelle Cardin, Michelle Flilmore, Hazel Guandique, Vanessa Torres, Katie Short, Karla Lagunas, Jessica Alvarez, Fawn Douglas and James Morefield.

The *ZAP! 7* public art project on Maryland Parkway is the latest in a series of Clark County's *ZAP!* public art projects that began in 2005. The *ZAP! 7* artists each painted a group of utility boxes along Maryland Parkway for a total of approximately ninety-six (96) utility boxes. Major sponsors of the project include Nevada Energy, Las Vegas Valley Water District and the Traffic Division of Clark County Public Works.

“Engaging the neighborhoods and people that flow North and South along Maryland Parkway is a tremendous way to highlight local artists and bring their work out to the street for better awareness. We hope residents and visitors alike will view the works on display at Nevada Humanities and then venture down Maryland Parkway and all the *ZAP!* locations across the valley to discover more about this part of Nevada,” commented Christina Barr, Executive Director, Nevada Humanities.

**ZAP! 7 ARTIST RECEPTION & GALLERY TALK**

**Thursday, August 6 / 5 – 9 pm**

Nevada Humanities Program Gallery, 1017 S. First Street, #190, Las Vegas

Meet the *ZAP! 7* artists and view the artwork on display. A special **Gallery Talk takes place at 7pm** with Patrick Gaffey, Cultural Program Supervisor, and Michael Ogilvie, Clark County Public Art Cultural Specialist.

More information on the Zap Public Art Program, artists and the programs of the Clark County Parks and Recreation Cultural Division at: [www.clarkcountynv.gov](http://www.clarkcountynv.gov)

*ZAP! 7* is part of Nevada Humanities' bi-monthly exhibition series, which showcases the work of Nevada artists, writers, photographers, and other creative thinkers who explore and articulate a sense of place in the Silver State. The Nevada Humanities Program Gallery is located at 1017 S. First Street, #190, Las Vegas, in the Art Square Garden Courtyard downtown within the 18b Arts District. The Program Gallery is open Monday through Friday, from 1 – 5 p.m., and open late until 9 p.m. on Preview Thursdays and the first Friday of each month for First Friday events. For more information about Nevada Humanities call 702-800-4760 or visit [nevadahumanities.org](http://nevadahumanities.org).

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