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Dear Artist Selection Committee,

I am honored to have the opportunity to apply for the Chehalem Park and Recreation District Fitness Facility mural project. I painted my first mural proposal when I was fourteen years old. The mural was selected as the winner of a competition for a national shoe and apparel company. In the last eighteen years, I have created a series of murals in nightclubs, the Children's Court in Los Angeles, businesses and residences. I established Blue Plume Studio eight years ago, now located on our family ranch in Newberg. It serves as a teaching studio and gallery, where I instruct painting classes, sell my art and do commission projects. I have partnered with private collectors, businesses, and cities to help create and artistically enhance their visions.

I am excited about the opportunity to collaborate with the city of Newberg on the mural project within the new fitness facility. In the last 6 years, I have focused on intentional artistic study of Oregon landscapes, northwest plant life and water sources. I have created artwork that features the rivers, lakes, falls and coastal shores of Oregon. My vision, if selected to create the mural, is to create a cohesive "Walk through Oregon", with the goal of creating an experience of peace, well being and refreshment to clients using the indoor facility.

One of my proposed ideas is to use water sources, seasons and landmarks to journey the viewer through the beauty of Oregon's wine country at autumn harvest to the majestic pines of Mt. Hood during winter. Also showing how winter turns to spring at the Gorge, featuring Multnomah Falls to the wildflowers blooming on an eastern Oregon hike through the Painted Hills. Finally, the glorious rock formations of our coastline will feature summer sunsets. I have completed large scale murals before, and I am confident that my experience, skills and life work have prepared me to create a mural that will be enjoyed by the community for generations to come.

Thank you again for your time and consideration,
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