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**Summit Pointe Adds Mural to 555 Belaire Lobby  
Internationally recognized artist Mathew Curran will create on site through Oct. 27**

**Chesapeake, Va. – October 19, 2020** – Mathew Curran, stencil artist and muralist, will enhance the lobby of Summit Pointe’s newest office building at 555 Belaire Avenue in Chesapeake. He is scheduled to create the installation on site through Oct. 27.

555 Belaire is an unrivaled six-story, 150,000-square-foot office tower with creative architectural spaces nestled between Volvo Parkway and Belaire Avenue in Chesapeake’s Central Business District. The building has five levels of office space with a distinctive multi-story lobby and engaging street-level retail and restaurant spaces. The mural will enhance the two-story lobby and 26- by 20-foot wall that welcomes occupants and visitors.

Drawing from his international roots, Curran has developed a unique and personal style, which transcends a half dozen different mediums. Over the past decade, he has drawn from street life and hip-hop culture to focus primarily on stencil work.

Curran was born in Northamptonshire, England in 1979, and came to the United States as a teenager. His early years were influenced by American teen skateboarding culture, with its random and unchecked energy and raw sense of possibility. After studying fine art and graphic design at UNC Greensboro, Curran began to perfect techniques in wood, spray paint and ink. He also began experimenting with new subjects, including distorted figures and industrial objects, all the while retaining the urban street-art energy and style.

Curran works in the same spontaneous and loose style as when he tagged walls as a younger artist. He creates small gestural paintings in ink and then translates them to stencils by hand-cutting paper. These stencils are layered repeatedly to create his large wall paintings and murals.

His subject matter is derived from experiences with the wildness of nature. By layering images of natural forms, Curran creates lush, fanciful imagery that encourages the viewer to reflect on the beauty and wonderment of the natural world. The art for 555 Belaire will be one of a kind and on permanent display.

Curran’s artwork has been widely exhibited in the United States and abroad. In 2017, Curran had his first solo museum exhibition at CAM Raleigh in Raleigh, NC. He currently resides in the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

Summit Pointe is Coastal Virginia's newest metropolitan center and lifestyle community, located on 69 acres in Virginia's second most populous city. When complete, Summit Pointe will include more than one million square feet of office space, up to 500,000 square feet of retail space, approximately 250,000 square feet of hospitality and conference space, and 1,400-plus residences. Development is underway in three Phases, with Phase One completed. Completion and occupancy of 555 Belaire is planned for the last quarter of 2020. For more information, visit [www.summitpointeva.com](http://www.summitpointeva.com).

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