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Martinho Correia's 5.4-metre-wide mural is to be attached to the new ATB Financial outlet on 17th Avenue S.E.

Mural brings touch of Portugal to Calgary

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Martinho Correia hopes his representation of the celebrations he witnessed in rural Portugal will become an inspiration to urban Calgarians.

Correia has finished painting a 1.8-by-5.4-metre mural commissioned by the International Avenue Business Revitalization Zone to be put on display on 17th Avenue S.E. in October.

It was unveiled briefly Wednesday at Mimo Portuguese Restaurant and then put in storage until construction of a new ATB Financial outlet is completed at 3620 17th Ave. S.E., where it will hang on an external wall.

It is the second in a projected series of eight murals intended to represent the cultural diversity of Calgary.

"It's going to be viewed fleetingly as people drive by, so I wanted to get across something that would stick in people's minds, said Correia, 36, who was born and raised in Calgary and has been teaching at an art school in Italy.

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