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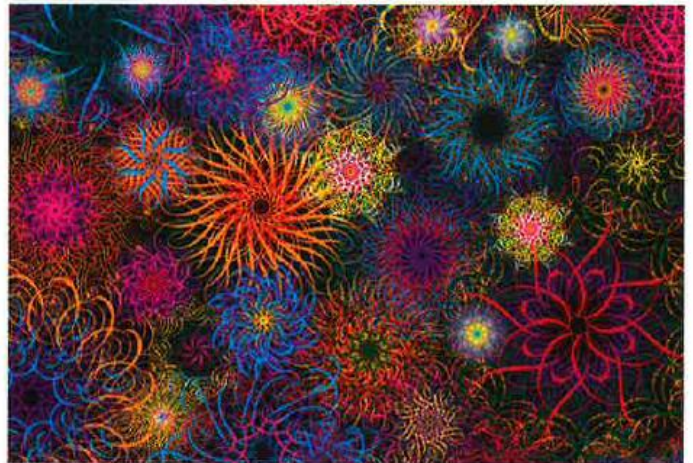
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## ***Black Holes* Explores Intersection of Art and Science**

Multimedia modern artist Ryan McGinness' new mural at the University City Science Center features layers of "event horizons," which create a feeling of portals into an infinite inner space, and a strong gravitational pull on the senses. His *Black Holes* series is an exploration of how ideas of outer space and mind space can intertwine, and his new mural combines the worlds of pop art, science, skateboarding, graphic design, and public art in one piece of vinyl.

For Mural Arts, working with McGinness is both homage to classic public art and muralism, and outreach to entirely new communities and ideas by bridging the gap between the arts and the sciences. Science, particularly complex physics, can be intimidating, but McGinness' *Black Holes* invite viewers to dwell in the world of science through visual art.

"We were intrigued by the idea of partnering with the Mural Arts Program because of their demonstrated expertise in using art as a place-making tool," says Science Center President & CEO Stephen S. Tang, Ph.D., MBA. "Ryan McGinness' *Black Holes* series is an interesting blend of art and science that aligns with our vision of the Science Center campus as a place to explore the intersection of art, science, and technology."



*Design detail, courtesy of the artist. Black Holes ©2013 Ryan McGinness/Bridgette Mayer Gallery/City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program.*

The new mural will be dedicated on Friday, October 11, at 5:30 p.m., at the University City Science Center at 3701 Market Street.

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