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Wanting an opportunity to broaden Mayfest to include more experimental work like *Surroundings*, members of Tulsa Artists' Coalition successfully lobbied the official Mayfest committee for some special events to add greater depth to Mayfest and give visibility to its member artists.

The Coalition contacted the Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority to arrange to paint a city bus. The commission was given to visual artists Gene Hansell and Peggy McGivern and poet Ann Weisman to "make art, not promotion" for the bus. The resulting humorous but provocative work, adorning bus number 7557, will roll until the middle of June, when it will be sold at auction. Ironically, the proceeds of this local art will go to the federal government. That's a twist.

The bus features Hugo A. W. Murdock, a blue-green dog, at play in a field of flying futuristic triangles. The dog is McGivern's creation, part of her series of watercolors on the mythical Murdock family being shown at the Williams Center Invitational Show.