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Documentary 'Making Sense Backwards: The Nick Bragg Story' Captures the Legendary Winston-Salem Artist's Creative Journey

Film by Diana Greene premieres on [PBS North Carolina](#) October 9th.

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WINSTON-SALEM, NC (September 4, 2025) – **Nicholas Burton Bragg**, the renowned North Carolina muralist, is the subject of a new documentary, MAKING SENSE BACKWARDS: THE NICK BRAGG STORY.

The 27-minute film, directed by two-time Pulitzer Center grantee **Diana Greene**, chronicles Bragg's creative journey, capturing his first self-portrait mural and the epiphanies he experienced while creating it.

The film, which had a successful run at the RiverRun International Film Festival, will premiere on [PBS North Carolina](#) on **October 9, 2025**. It will also be featured at the [Full Bloom Film Festival](#) in Statesville, NC, on Saturday, September 13, 2025.

A Cultural Icon

Born in 1936, Bragg began his artistic journey after being kicked out of kindergarten, an event that led to lessons in painting and piano. This early experience instilled a lifelong love of music and discipline. Bragg is also a respected cultural leader who served as the founding executive director of the Reynolda House Museum of American Art for 29 years, transforming it into a premier American art showcase. Since retiring, he has painted over 20 murals. At 88, he continues to paint, play piano, and write daily, mentoring young artists along the way.

The Filmmaker's Vision

Director Diana Greene, a two-time Pulitzer Center grantee, teacher, and former CNN journalist, was captivated by Bragg's personality as an artmaker, community icon and cultural catalyst. She proposed the idea of a timeline mural of his life to give the film a narrative structure. The resulting documentary is an intimate portrait that reveals the experiences that shaped the artist and showcases his creative process. The film has received praise from fellow filmmakers, with one calling it "*A perfect movie... a beautiful story.*"

Broadcast Information

MAKING SENSE BACKWARDS: THE NICK BRAGG STORY will air on [PBS North Carolina](#) on October 9, 2025 at 9:30 PM, as well as stream [online](#) and on the [free PBS app](#).

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Additional Resources

- [Film Stills](#)
- [PBS NC - Doc Preview](#)
- [Nicholas Bragg Artwork](#)
- [Making Sense Backwards - Website](#)
- [Winston-Salem Journal Article](#) (Apr 12, 2025)