

Dallas man to make murals for Olympic games

DALLAS (AP) — Of the many images and memories that will outlast next month's Olympics, some of the most enduring may be those of Dallas artist Bart Forbes.

A 49-year-old illustrator whose realistic depictions have been on the covers of TIME, Sports Illustrated and dozens of other magazines, Forbes was chosen by the Korean Olympic Committee as official artist of the summer games.

He was commissioned to finish 12 paintings before going to Seoul next month and will paint about 20 more for a museum that will commemorate the games.

But Forbes' Olympic art is readily available for viewing in the United States right now.

The U.S. Postal Service chose designs he submitted for both the 1988 Winter and Summer Olympic commemoratives. The summer stamp

will be issued at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., Friday.

"I like to work on a variety of different things," he said. "As an illustrator, you're called on to do something tomorrow that may be a subject you haven't done before. And I like that. That's a way of staying fresh."

A golfer and sometime-tennis player, Forbes says he's not an ath-

lete, but his studio in a renovated century-old two-story building in Dallas' arts district is trimmed with old baseballs, hats and other sports paraphernalia.

"Sports is a subject matter I like to do," Forbes said, calling the Olympics assignment a career highlight. "It's fun. It's exciting and timely."

Timely but not dated. Forbes believes well done art is timeless.

"I don't want to get caught doing finish-line illustrations," Forbes said of the typical sporting event depiction.

"The crux for any painter or illustrator is not being satisfied with the first or most obvious solution," he said. The challenge, he continued, is to portray the human spirit of the games, how athletes respond to enormous pressure, for instance.

"Many of the athletes train for years for just one shot. It's an incredible event. Sure, there are some who are just glad they made it to the Olympics, but for so many there's only one thing: a gold medal."

In all, Forbes will create an original work depicting each Olympic event as well as the opening and closing ceremonies.



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