

Telling Stories with Murals

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Who Is
Mural Arts
Philadelphia
?



OUR MISSION

We create art with others to transform places, individuals, communities, and institutions. Through this work, we establish new standards of excellence in the practice of public and contemporary art.



Beginnings

The Philadelphia Anti-Graffiti Network

Press conference, Mayor W. Wilson Goode and the Philadelphia Anti-Graffiti Network. Courtesy of Temple University Libraries, Urban Archives, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as part of the Philadelphia Inquirer Collection.



Beginnings

Jane Golden, the Philadelphia Anti-Graffiti Network crew, and community leaders in front of the Mt. Kilimanjaro mural at 20th and Diamond, circa 1988.



Beginnings

Mural Arts has strong relationships built over 33 years of collaboration.



Dr. J, by Kent Twitchell. Completed 1990. Photo by Steve Weinik.

Early Mural Arts

Peace Wall, by Jane Golden and Peter Pagast. Completed 1997. Photo by Jack Ramsdale.



Early Mural Arts



Common Threads, by Meg Saligman. Completed 1999. Restored 2010. Photo by Steve Weinik.

Stories of Our Youth



A Place to Call Home

Their Silence is Deafening, by Ernel Martinez, part of A Place to Call Home. Completed 2011. Photo by Steve Weinik.



Their Silence is Deafening
By Ernel Martinez

SOUNDS VOICES

journey2home

Home Safe, by Ernel Martinez and Shira Walinsky, part of journey2home. Completed 2014. Photo by Steve Weinik.





journey2home

Turning Anger Into Gold, by Jared Wood, part of
journey2home. Completed 2014. Photo by Steve Weinik.





Peace is a Haiku Song

Peace is a Haiku Song, by Parris Stancell and Josh Sarantitis. Completed 2012. Photo by Steve Weinik.



True peace is not merely
the absence of tension;
it is the presence of justice
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Though war is
old it has not
become wise.
Alice Walker

The sprawling sound
Of peace sails on the wind.
A white butterfly
Sonia Sanchez

I raised my voice
my sound sails with the whirling wind
I am here and there
Amir Khusro

We hear a sweetness
The word is peace. It's loud
Louder than the explosion of bands
Maya Angelou

I'll overcome some day,
If in my heart I do not yield
I'll overcome some day
Charles Tindley

Peace
We will be
slugged by how we
we have loved
Toni Morrison

Peace is where God lives
The waves of life water are glorious
The story is mankind...
Common

My ball... Sonia arrested
For peace. Let us lock up war
See who posts ball...
John Bracey

Aqui y Alla

Aqui y Alla, by Michelle Angela Ortiz. Completed 2012.
Photo by Steve Weinik.



Stories of Incarceration and Homecoming



Healing Walls

Healing Walls (Inmates' Journey), by Cesar Viveros and Parris Stancell. Completed 2004. Photo by Jack Ramsdale.



Healing Walls

Healing Walls (Victim's Journey), by Cesar Viveros and Parris Stancell. Completed 2004. Photo by Jack Ramsdale.



Family Interrupted

Family Interrupted, by Eric Okdeh. Completed 2012. Photo by Mike Reali.



Staircases and Mountaintops

Staircases and Mountaintops: Ascending Beyond the Dream, by Willis Humphrey. Completed 2014. Photo by Steve Weinik.



Voices

Voices, by Jesse Krimes. Completed 2017. Photo by Steve Weinik.



Stories of Immigration and Agency



Journeys South

Different Paths, One Market, by Michelle Angela Ortiz, part of Journeys South. Completed 2011. Photo by Steve Weinik.



Southeast by Southeast

The Southeast by Southeast hub, March 17, 2016. Photo by Mike Reali.



Southeast by Southeast

Language Lab, by Shira Walinsky. Completed 2015. Photo by Steve Weinik.



47 Stories

47 Stories, by Laura Deutch and Shira Walinsky. Completed 2016. Photo by Steve Weinik.



Migrants, Ibrahim, Mingora– Philadelphia



Migrants, Ibrahim, Mingora–Philadelphia, by JR. Completed 2015. Photo by Steve Weinik.

Familias Separadas

Familias Separadas, by Michelle Angela Ortiz. Completed 2015. Photo by Steve Weinik.



***WE ARE HUMAN BEINGS, RISKING OUR LIVES,
FOR OUR FAMILIES & OUR FUTURE***

Familias Separadas

Familias Separadas / Eres Mi Todo (You Are My Everything), by Michelle Angela Ortiz. Completed 2015. Photo by Steve Weinik.



Stories of Resilience



Personal Renaissance (before)

Personal Renaissance, by James Burns. Completed 2010.
Photo by Mustafah Abdulaziz.



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Personal Renaissance, by James Burns. Completed 2010.
Photo by Mustafah Abdulaziz.



Swoon

SWOON, by SWOON. Completed 2015. Photo by Steve Weinek.



Contemplation, Clarity, Resilience

Contemplation, Clarity, Resilience, by Eric Okdeh.
Completed 2016. Photo by Steve Weinik.



Sanctuary



Sanctuary, by James Burns. Completed 2016. Photo by Steve Weinik.

Kensington Storefront

Opening day at the Kensington Storefront, in progress,
2017. Photo by Steve Weinik.



What's Next for Mural Arts?



STORIES OF CIVIC LIFE:

Monument Lab

A democratic process for monument-making.

Prototype Monument for Center Square, City Hall Philadelphia, by Terry Adkins, 2015, initial phase of Monument Lab. Photo by Steve Weinik.



STORIES OF RESILIENCE:

Rippling Moon: An Urban Fairytale

Setting the stage to educate the public, particularly children, about trauma and resilience.

Shadow puppets at Meg Saligman's studio. Photo by Steve Weinik.



STORIES OF THE IRAQI DIASPORA:

Radio Silence

Reconstructing an Iraq that no longer exists, through a large-scale performance on Independence Mall, and a ten-week radio series, with artist Michael Rakowitz.



STORIES OF THE ENVIRONMENT:

Float Lab

Educating and inspiring the public by getting face-to-face with the Schuylkill River. Rendering by Höweler + Yoon Architecture.



By the Numbers

250+

Artists employed by
Mural Arts in any given
year

1,000

Volunteer hours
donated in 2015

~100

Public artworks
created throughout the
city every year

12K

Tours visitors annually

4K+

Murals throughout
Philadelphia worked
on by Mural Arts

92%

of graduating high
school seniors in our
Art Education program
go on to college



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