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Mayor Mark Mallory & ArtWorks Announce 7 Community Mural Projects through MuralWorks

Clifton, Downtown, Madisonville, Millvale, Over-the-Rhine, Roselawn, and Walnut Hills to get neighborhood murals

Over-the-Rhine – Mayor Mark Mallory and ArtWorks today announced the seven communities selected to receive neighborhood murals in the first summer of MuralWorks. Part of Mayor Mallory's Summer Youth Jobs Initiative, MuralWorks is a youth mural artist program that hires and trains youth to neighborhood murals. The goal of MuralWorks is to transform neighborhoods by creating inspirational works of public art that will have a lasting community impact. The announcement was made in front of a several story blank wall that is the future home of the Over-the-Rhine mural.

The communities selected to receive murals are Clifton, Downtown, Madisonville, Millvale, Over-the-Rhine, Roselawn, and Walnut Hills.

"This is just the first summer of MuralWorks. The program will leave a positive impact on our city for years," Mayor Mallory said. "Eventually, we could have multiple murals in all of our neighborhoods."

In March, MuralWorks began accepting applications from communities that wanted neighborhood murals. A steering committee reviewed the applications and selected seven projects that were spread throughout the city. At that time, ArtWorks began interviewing and hiring youth to paint the murals as artist apprentices. Now, ArtWorks will work with the communities to develop and approve the artwork for the murals. The Over-the-Rhine project's artwork has already been approved.

On June 18, the youth artist apprentices will start work with an all day training and orientation at the Cincinnati Art Museum. The apprentices will be divided into teams to work on the different projects. Each team will be matched with a professional artist mentor, who will manage the project and train the apprentices. MuralWorks will employ approximately 170 youth between the ages of 14 and 19 this summer.

"For ArtWorks, MuralWorks will provide jobs and income for talented teens. MuralWorks also offers the opportunity for local residents to collaborate with professional artists, giving communities the chance to express neighborhood identity through the creation of large-scale community murals", says Tamara Harkavy, Director of ArtWorks.

For the first two years of the program, MuralWorks has received \$120,000 from the City of Cincinnati as part of the Mayor's Summer Youth Jobs Initiative. That public investment allowed

ArtWorks to leverage over \$400,000 in private grants from UBS, The P&G Fund, and The H.B., E.W. and F.R. Luther Charitable Foundation, Fifth Third Bank and Narley L. Haley, Co-Trustees.

MuralWorks has the funding for seven projects this summer. However, MuralWorks is still seeking additional corporate or charitable partners for three additional projects slated for this fall: Northside, Price Hill, and Over-the-Rhine. Charitable foundations or corporations interested in supporting MuralWorks should contact, ArtWorks at 333-0388. The long term goal is to create a sustainable mural program that will create murals in every Cincinnati neighborhood over the next several years.

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