

Wilsonville Pride Mural Artist Selection

ARTIST #1

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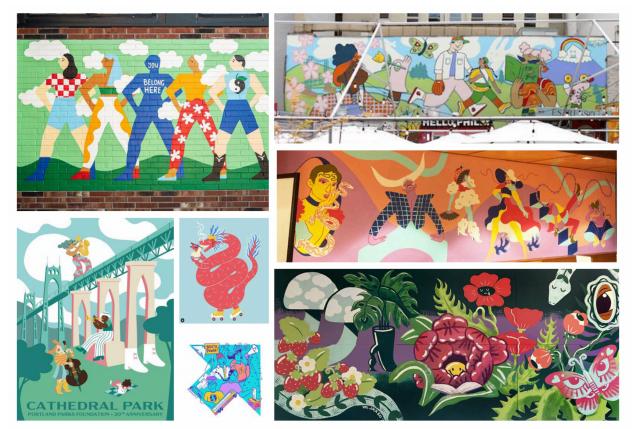


I am excited about this project because it aligns with my passion for creating art that celebrates and uplifts communities, especially those that are often marginalized. The opportunity to design a mural that honors the LGBTQIA+ community and Pride Month is deeply meaningful to me as a member of this community, and I believe my background in creating vibrant, community-driven works would allow me to contribute a design that is both celebratory and impactful. Additionally, the visibility of the mural and its potential to serve as a photo opportunity makes it a unique chance to engage a broad audience and foster a sense of inclusivity and pride in Wilsonville.



JAX KO www.jaxko.com

ARTIST #4



As the political & social climate worsens for trans, nonbinary, gender nonconforming & queer people, it's difficult to stay optimistic. It's so important that we continue to show our steadfast love & support for queer people through times of uncertainty & fear. I believe that honoring queerness in public spaces is one way of connecting us all. We all need to know that we are valued, seen, and worthy of celebration & safety everyday, not just in June. Through this piece, I hope to bring joy, inspire curiosity, & celebrate the legacy of those who dared to be radically, authentically themselves. Queer or not, we all are better for it.



ARTIST #9

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As a queer and second-generation artist and cultural organizer, my artistic ethos is to celebrate cultural identities and foster communal healing through art making. This project's focus on honoring and celebrating the LGBTQIA+ community is deeply meaningful to me and provides an opportunity to highlight the queer communities' resilience and joy. This project resonates with my mission to foster connection through art storytelling, and I hope to bring my expertise in socially engaged public art to create something that fully embodies and uplifts these values.