

MURALING *Austin*

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Episode 1: “Pride of Place” airing at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 24th on Austin PBS

1) Mural Name: *The Beauty of Liberty and Equality* (2020)

Artists: Sandra Chevrier, Shepard Fairey

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Caption: [Featured in *Muraling Austin*] *The Beauty of Liberty and Equality* by Canadian artist Sandra Chevrier and American street artist/graphic designer Shepard Fairey celebrates the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. The striking 12-story mural on The LINE hotel in downtown Austin, Texas, depicts a woman wearing a mask with Wonder Woman breaking a chain, reflecting the struggle of the women’s suffrage movement.

2) Mural Name: *Protectors of the Red Bluff* (2022)

Artist: Ruben Esquivel

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Caption: [Featured in “Pride of Place”] Artist Ruben Esquivel (pictured here) stands in front of *Protectors of the Red Bluff*, his Bolm Road mural in Austin, Texas. The mural pays homage to his uncles and community activists, Raymond, Pete, and Gilbert Rivera, for their work to protect the natural environment of the Red Bluff area and designate it as a nature preserve. It also gives a nod to local history with a large image of a monarch butterfly — a metaphor for Mexican immigrants traveling North.

3) Mural Project Name: The Pillars Project: Our History Our Trail (2019, 2021)

Artists: Samara Barks (2021), Amado Castillo III (2021), Chroma Collective (2021), Will Hatch Crosby (2019), Ruben Esquivel (2021), Anabel Gómez (2021), Sadé Channell Lawson (2021), Armando Martinez (2019), Raymond “Rage” Mendoza (2021), J. Muzacz (2019), Carmen Rangel (2019), Kendrick Rudolph (2019), Reji Thomas (2019), Serena Tijerina (2021), Lakeem Wilson (and students 2021)

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Caption: [Featured in “Pride of Place”] “The Pillars Project: Our History Our Trail” is a collection of 15 murals painted on the support pillars at the Pleasant Valley Road Underpass alongside the East Link Trail in Austin, Texas. The Austin Parks Foundation, Raasin in the Sun, and other organizations challenged local artists to paint images honoring East Side individuals considered pillars of the community.

Episode 2: “Women Rising” airing at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 31st on Austin PBS

4) Mural Name: *Reconnect Yourself* (2020)

Artist: NIZ

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Caption: [Featured in “Women Rising”] In *Reconnect Yourself*, artist NIZ created a mirror image of a young woman – one part representing the physical self and the other the spiritual self. Sending a message of inner strength to drivers passing through the South Lamar Underpass in Austin, Texas, the mural was part of the “Be Well” campaign to share uplifting messages about mental and physical health during the pandemic.

5) Mural Name: *Viva la Vida* (2019)

Artist: ULOANG

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Caption: [Featured in “Women Rising”] Artist ULOANG is pictured here with his mural on East Sixth Street in Austin, Texas, which depicts iconic Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. Named after Kahlo’s last painting *Viva la Vida*, which translates to “long live life,” the colorful portrait honors Kahlo’s many contributions to the art world and celebrates the Mexican heritage of the nearby neighborhood.

6) Mural Name: *It’s Okay Not to Be Okay* (2020)

Artist: Sadé Channell Lawson

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Caption: [Featured in “Women Rising”] *It’s Okay Not to Be Okay* by artist Sadé Channell Lawson depicts a woman in three different emotive states. Together, these figures represent the power of experiencing the full spectrum of human emotions. Located at the south entrance of the South Lamar Underpass in Austin, Texas, the mural was commissioned for the Downtown Austin Alliance Foundation’s inaugural “Writing on the Walls” series in early 2020.

Episode 3: “Big, Bright & Bold” airing at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 7th on Austin PBS

7) Mural Name: *Paradise Found* (2021)

Artist: Zuzu

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Caption: [Featured in “Big, Bright & Bold”] Artist Zuzu poses in front of *Paradise Found*, located at the W Austin hotel in Austin, Texas. Her large tropical botanicals and florals transform a once-blank 30 x 10-foot concrete wall next to the hotel’s outdoor pool into a lively backdrop for sun-seekers to enjoy.

8) Mural Name: *Virtual Hike* (2021)

Artist: Soledad Fernandez-Whitechurch

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Caption: [Featured in “Big, Bright & Bold”] Located on the garage of the Bouldin Commons office complex in Austin, Texas, *Virtual Hike* by Soledad Fernandez-Whitechurch references the history, topography, rocks, and vegetation of the area’s land. Once known as Austin’s Enchanted Forest, a famed gathering spot for local artists and creatives, the land was originally inhabited by Native Americans.

9) Mural Name: *Where the Wildflowers Grow* (2022)

Artist: DAAS

Featured in Episode 3: “Big, Bright, & Bold”

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Caption: [Featured in “Big, Bright & Bold”] Painted on aluminum panels and standing 60 feet tall and 12 feet wide in a downtown office complex, *Where the Wildflowers Grow* is DAAS’ largest mural in Austin, Texas. The towering wildflowers represent human resilience in the face of adversity – much like Texas’ wildflowers – which thrive even in the most difficult of environments.