

20th Anniversary Mural

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The Mesa Arts Center's mission: To create meaningful arts experiences in Mesa for everyone





Goals:

- Celebrating our 20th Anniversary.
- Opportunity to create a welcoming entryway to the Mesa Art Center's Campus from Center Street.
- Continue to respond to interest and energy about adding public art to our Mesa environments.
- Create a beacon to viewers, communicating that Mesa is an innovative, welcoming community.
- Authentically enhance the sense of place.



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"Welcome Home" Mural by Shepard Fairey Painted on Baker Block Costa Mesa, CA Completed in 2018

Shepard Fairey



Current Process:

- Artist submitted three (3) options of artwork responding to the Mesa Climate Action Plan to be considered by City Council for selection.
 - Reviewed and recommendations provided by the Museum and Culture Advisory Board (MCAB).
 - Three (3) additional options may be provided if none are selected.
 - May select for one or both walls.
 - If none are selected, option to terminate artist contract and/or move to Request For Proposal (RFP) process if none are selected.
- If an Option is selected:
 - Mural installation to remain on the site for at least two (2) years.
 - The City will maintain the mural unless it becomes damaged and repair would not be appropriate, feasible, or cost-effective.
 - Mural installation anticipated for Spring 2025 to conclude the 20th Anniversary celebrations.





- The mural to take approx. 3 days to complete, with 3-5 artist team members.
- Up to \$30,000 reimbursement stipend funded by the Mesa Arts Center Foundation to cover the costs of materials/supplies and travel.
- Artists fees for design and mural art to be donated by Shepard Fairey.



Art Selection Consideration & Recommendation





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Options Provided by Artist: Wall 1







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Options Provided by Artist: Wall 2

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MCAB & Staff Recommendation:

Both options for 'C' to be removed from consideration as they did not meet request to reflect Mesa community and/or City priorities.

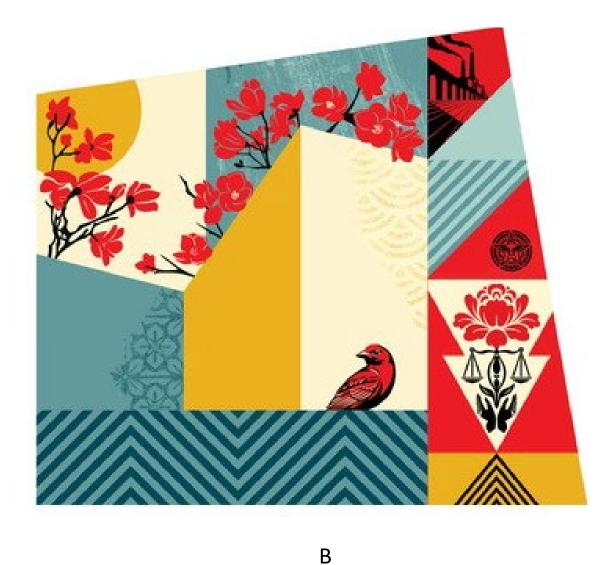
- Wall 1: "Desert Today Ocean Tomorrow" and "Ocean Today Desert Tomorrow"
 - Represents the New Mexico desert and ocean, lacks Mesa connection
- Wall 2: Arts Vote
 - Request for emphasis on a Mesa City Council Strategic priority not reflected
 - Includes text











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Options for Consideration: Wall 1



Options for Consideration: Wall 2



MCAB Recommendation- Pair #1 (Example to Scale)



MCAB & Staff Recommendation- Pair #2 (Example to Scale)





Seeking Council Direction

Options for Consideration:

- Select mural from provided options for one or both walls.
- Move forward with recommendations from MCAB and Staff.
- Seek Three (3) additional options from Artist.
- Terminate artist contract and/or move to Request For Proposal (RFP) process if none are selected.



Thank you Questions or Comments?