

The Artists' Statements

The Teen Mural 2022 is sponsored by:



#1 • Hazel, Age 12 • *My Perfect Afternoon*

I was inspired to paint this because I am so appreciative to live in such a beautiful place.

#2 • Raven, Age 19 • *In My Life(time)*

How much will the world and the environment change? How long before these people realize it's too late for our crisis to be ignored?

#3 • Adelina, Age 14 • *Freedom*

I feel like being in the ocean makes people feel free. It's important to me because I work in it and have made so many memories.

#4 • Jackson, Age 12 • *Space Planet*

I like space.

#5 • Ittze, Age 16 • *Family by Nature*

In my life, family will always be important to me, so in my painting I wanted to incorporate one of my favorite memories with my family. I chose to do "El Capitan", a famous rock in Yosemite. Family road trips will always be my fave and Yosemite is definitely #1.

#6 • Sierra, Age 18 • *As of 2022*

The central frog design is of a ceramic plate gifted to me by a friend during the last few weeks of my senior year. Surrounded by collaging, the piece as a whole represents my inner child and adult self coexisting as I enter the next chapter of my life.

#7 • Callie, Age 12 • *The 4*

When I think of "In My Life" a thousand things come to mind. So I decided to pick the four most important things in my life: my family, gymnastics, animals and my dogs.

#8 • Khloe, Age 11 • *The Impossible Things*

"When Pigs Fly" is a phrase people say when they don't believe something is possible. I have felt that in my life before but figured out nothing is impossible. That's why pigs fly in my painting.

#9 • Celeste, Age 15 • *Archaeopteryx*

"Do you know what my love for you and this credit card have in common? They both have no limit."

#10 • Ze, Age 14 • *Reflections in Peace*

This piece is about having empathy for your past self and going forward with blossoming opportunities to better yourself.

#11 • Anh, Age 17 • *Night and Day*

Don't depend too much on anyone in this world, because even your shadow leaves you when you're in the darkness. Yet in the end, the morning will come again because no darkness nor season can last forever. So, life goes on, let's live on!

#12 • Nathan, Age 14 • *Front Crook*

I painted this because I am very passionate about skateboarding and it is a big part of my life.

#13 • Mason, Age 14 • *Beyond the Universe*

I drew this because I like the universe and it's a fun topic to paint about.

#14 • Gwenthly, Age 12 • *My Favorite Place*

This painting represents my life. I am at the beach a lot. I love to play water polo and relax on the beach while listening to music. I play piano as well. The beach is my favorite place.

#15 • Jonathan, Age 13 • *My Life*

This represents things that are unique to me and my life.

#16 • Ryah, Age 12 • *The Pinwheel of My Life*

This picture represents the stuff blowing in and out of my life right now. These are the things that are important to me.

#17 • Ella, Age 17 • *Literature Mirrors Life*

In this past year, I have discovered/reconnected with my love of literature. This is a self-portrait of me reading. I love literature because it can capture emotion and feeling into an immersive experience. Literature can mirror life.

#18 • Kemberli, Age 15 • *Flower Friends*

Flowers bring me joy and comfort just like family and friends.

#19 • Zev, Age 13 • *Love is Love*

Gay and trans rights are really important to me.

#20 • Lily, Age 18 • *Life on Mars*

My idea while painting this was to symbolize the empowerment of women. The unshaven leg along with the sharp boot dug into the Earth signify strength and resilience against societal norms and pressures.

#21 • Matilda, Age 12 • *The Little Things*

When I first started my piece, I didn't know what to do. I ended up not liking it. So, I went to my dad, and he gave me some thicker paints and some ideas. I took those ideas, and I made them mine. Now I have this. I based this piece on how I focus on the little things in life.

#22 • Agustín, Age 14 • *Natural Soccer*

Soccer and nature are important in my life because they keep me healthy. Soccer is lots of fun and nature is something beautiful.

#23 • Lizbeth, Age 12 • *Both Sides of the World*

I chose to paint this because most people don't notice the two sides of the world. The two sides of this world are almost like day and night. That's why I drew the earth in day and night.

#24 • Taylor, Age 15 • *Koi*

The koi pond represents how nature has brought peace and balance into my life, making it a safe space for me to go when I want to get away.

#25 • Nikolas, Age 14 • *Past, Present and Future*

Everyday life wouldn't be the same if it weren't for the nature around us.

#26 • Sebastian, Age 13 • *Technoblade Never Dies*

This [painting] is of a very popular YouTuber who recently passed of cancer, and since the theme is life, I wanted to remember him. He meant a lot to me and many others. May he rest in peace.

#27 • Bella, Age 14 • *Clear Your Head*

Free your mind and let your creativity run wild.

#28 • Luke, Age 14 • *The Best Summer '22*

This piece represents a fun, active, and outdoorsy summer. Simply "The Best!"

#29 • Travis, Age 12 • *Sparky*

I painted this because scootering is my passion and I wanted to draw something with my passion.

#30 • Penny, Age 16 • *Strange Days*

People are strange!

#31 • Evelyn, Age 14 • *Goat Garden Bliss*

I have filled my life with things that bring me joy: family, friends, food and farm!

#32 • Sam, Age 17 • *Notice*

Some things we all need to be reminded of. Inspiration was from warning stickers, but I made them more personal. If you don't feel love, I love you.

#33 • Delyse, Age 13 • *Your "Identitree"*

Soccer is a really important part of my life and has been for years. Just like food, it feels like it's become an essential part of my life that I can't live without.

#34 • Isaiah, Age 14 • *Water Polo*

I'm not there yet, but I'm closer than yesterday.

#35 • Amaya, Age 11 • *Bowl of Pysanky*

Pysanky are an ancient Ukrainian art. The legend of pysanky states that as long as pysanky are written, goodness will overcome evil. I used both traditional and non-traditional symbols to represent things that are important to me: family, art, friends, culture, feminism, nature, etc.

#36 • Frida, Age 16 • *All I See Is Dollar Signs*

I got money on my mind.

#37 • Joaquin, Age 12 • *Earth's Beauty*

In the busy world that we live in, we don't always stop and appreciate the wonderful world we live in. It's important in life to be appreciative of the things we have.

#38 • Iyanna, Age 12 • *Toe to Toe; Life on the Mat*

Intensity of being toe to toe, on the mat, is stressful but yet a thrill.

#39 • Chloe, Age 11 • *A Crazy Life*

(The Artist's Statement has been synopsised)

Upper Left Quarter: Black squares represent loneliness; blue squares, sadness; green and red squares represent being sick with Covid. The circles are based on my family's favorite colors.

Upper Right Quarter: An abstract representing my anxiety – I am scared of moths and nervous about being late.

Lower Right Quarter: A close-up of my cat Eco's face.

Lower Left Quarter: I live in a beach town, so the beach is significant "in My Life."

#40 • Leti, Age 13 • *Cat Yin Yang*

I drew this painting because my cats mean a lot to me. I painted them off a photo I took of them. I thought they looked like a *yin yang*. They are the world to me and the shine to my day.

#41 • Gwyn, Age 12 • *Technology*

I chose to paint this because my computer has been a big part of my life for the past few years.

#42 • Natalie, Age 19 • *Me and My Mom*

My painting is about how starting a family changed my life forever. I have two younger sisters that have blessed me with an amazing life.

#43 • Joel, Age 14 • *Island Boys*

Do not trust no Island Boys when skating the hills.

#44 • Valeria, Age 13 • *Guppy*

Guppy is my dog, so he is in my life.