

## Walk Tacoma 2021: Downtown Mural Walk Tour



### *Stop 1: Working Forward, Weaving Anew*

Working Forward, Weaving Anew is a mural designed to honor cultural traditions, the natural environment, and our need for new harmonious and sustainable paths forward into the future. The muralists worked closely with representatives from the Puyallup Tribe to ensure the cultural imagery in their artwork is respectful and accurate. This 50-foot-tall mural was hand painted in a span of 6 weeks with help from a team of nine Native American artists: Bruce Speakthunder Berry, Andrea Bob, Lloyd Neeka Cook, Anthony Duenas, Kanani Miyamoto, Ariella Pool, Elisabeth Tail, Charles Taylor, and Paul Valencia. This mural is part of the Prairie Line Trail project, funded by the City of Tacoma and the Washington State Historical Society.

Artists: Esteban Camacho & Jessilyn Brinkerhoff

[www.prairieline-trail.org/site/working-forward-weaving-anew-](http://www.prairieline-trail.org/site/working-forward-weaving-anew-)



### *Stop 2: Buddhist Temple Mural*

"This mural was my first solo project for Tacoma Murals Project. The design for the mural was rooted in the community. We held a few meetings at the Temple and invited community members to contribute ideas in the initial design phase.

Throughout Japan, the Cherry, or 'Sakura' tree is representative of good fortune, new beginnings, and revival. If you ever visit the front of the Buddhist Temple, you'll notice a row of cherry trees planted along the road. This was a huge

source of inspiration for the mural. We wanted to figure a way to capture such a fleeting wonderful moment. Through my time researching content to include in the mural I was constantly drawn back to capture the feeling of the blossoming cherry tree. It's because of this that the Cherry not only represents beauty and innocent pleasures, it also teaches us to appreciate the brief time we share together with our loved ones."

Artist: Chelsea O'Sullivan

<https://www.chelseaosullivan.com/>



### *Stop 3: Alma Mater*

“The Patio At Alma Mater”, was a mural made by 5 different artists from the city of Tacoma. Each artist was tasked with a letter. It was made during the first lockdown of the pandemic in 2020.

Artists: Gerardo Peña, Caroleena Santiesteban, Leshawn Gamble, Adika Bell, and Saiyare Refaei

<https://www.almamatertacoma.com/materialworld/2020/7/15/the-patio-mural>



### *Stop 4: Welcome to Tacoma and the Memory of Old Japan Town mural*

The mural is a temporary installation of a 360 degree mural which promotes the City of Tacoma on the street side, and Tacoma’s Cultural diversity though a Japanese Children’s Day scene on the pedestrian side.

Learn more about the artist (Nori Kimura):

<https://www.facebook.com/Monkey3P/>

<https://www.instagram.com/monkey3productions/>

<https://monkey-3-productions.square.site/>



### *Stop 5: Re-emerge in Healing*

This mural is about uniting local environmental justice issues by coming together in healing. Specifically, it addresses the Northwest Detention Center (NWDC) and the Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) issues by highlighting some figureheads in these local movements alongside images of migratory animals.

Artist: Saiyare Refaei

Link to see Saiyare’s work on Instagram @\_saikick\_



### *Stop 6: Summer 2020 Protest Murals*

Over the summer of 2020, storefronts along Pacific Ave boarded up in response to the pandemic and protests over police violence. Tacoma's Tiffany Hammonds went into action, partnering with – basically everyone – she ended up solo painting and leading group murals on over 10 storefronts. Once the boards came down, some were able to be saved and moved to this location so their impact may live on. With Tiffany's lead many local businesses, organizations, and

volunteers helped to make this beautiful/positive community project possible.

Artist: Tiffany Hammonds

Link to see Tiffany's work on IG @faceofnations, or [www.tiffanyhammonds.com](http://www.tiffanyhammonds.com)



### *Stop 7: Quotes From People Detained, Leaders of Las Resistencia*

This mural draws attention to the NW ICE Processing Center (formerly the Northwest Detention Center), which is a mile from the site downtown. The mural features screenshot images from webcam chats with people detained in Tacoma and their words

about being detained here. Completed in 2019.

Artists: David Long & Al Pikart

La Resistencia

[www.laresistencianw.org](http://www.laresistencianw.org)

@laresistencianw on Instagram

[www.facebook.com/LaResistenciaNW](https://www.facebook.com/LaResistenciaNW)

David Long's art website: [www.orangedavid.com](http://www.orangedavid.com)



*Stop 8: RGB Mural*

A mural tribute to the life and work of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg.

Artist: Nori Kimura

See more of Nori's work on IG [@monkey3productions](https://www.instagram.com/monkey3productions)