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To The City of Texas Purchasing Department,

I am writing to apply for the opportunity to paint a mural for the TCEDC Mural Program. As an experienced artist in traditional and contemporary arts I am confident that my talent will make me the ideal candidate for this role.

My name is Mark DeLeon and I am a self-taught mixed media artist. I have been professionally drawing, painting, and teaching for over 20 years. During this time, I have developed a strong portfolio of work, which has been featured in galleries, museums, and public walls.

I am highly experienced in a variety of art forms but my main focus is public art. As a muralist, I play a pivotal role in the realm of public art, weaving narratives onto city walls. With bold strokes and vibrant colors, I am able to transform mundane spaces into vibrant showcases of creativity for the community. My murals are inspired from the local environment, people, history, and landscape of the area. After completion the art becomes a landmark, telling stories and evoking emotions for generations to come, making public art an integral part of the social fabric.

I am a skilled collaborator, and I enjoy working with other visionaries to create unique and powerful works of art. I am eager to share my knowledge and experience with others. Please find a selection of my artwork enclosed.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for allowing me to share my creativity with you.

Sincerely,
[Mark DeLeon](#)

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Mr. Mark DeLeon



Mark DeLeon is a self taught, mixed media artist in Houston, Texas. His artwork ranges from mixed media art, custom artwork, and street art (public art). Born in Seguin, TX, into humble beginnings, Mark uses his talent to change and inspire thought that has been marked by his upbringing. Full of creativity and heart, his work can best be described as contemporary meets traditional art. With vibrant and expressive colors, each stroke of paint is part purpose and part passion. By adding words, along with faces and figures, he gives depth and life to each piece. His artwork influences you to grasp and feel deeply by making each piece personal. His theory is that when he paints it, it's his, but when he is done it's for the world.

Mark's first steps into becoming a full time artist was through being an attentive apprentice. For 3 years, he studied the art of murals and large format painting under the wing of a professional muralist. His journey into a professional career as a solo muralist began in 2014. Through hard work and dedicating long hours of regular practice to continuous learning his skill has expanded his creative horizons. The trajectory of where he is now has not been easy but it has surely been worth it.

In various points of his career he has tapped into an array of different areas of art such as live paintings, art parties, and graphic design but he is known for his impactful murals. Although there have been some obstacles, he is most proud of being able to own his 1st art studio at the Silos at the Sawyer Yards in 2020, collaborating with renown artists with the organization Streetart for Mankind in 2023, and Mark working closely with the Art Museum of Texas in Sugar Land. Through this organization he recently collaborated with the Toyota Center and Professional Bull Riders (PBR) for their U.S. Tour as they made their stop to Houston, TX. He has also had the opportunity to create murals for various restaurants in and around Houston. You can find one of his murals at The Rouxpour, which is a New Orleans jazz inspired mural. Mark thoroughly enjoys working with local businesses creating colorful and inviting communities through art.

In addition, Mark seeks constructive feedback from mentors, peers, and art communities that have provided valuable insights and encouragement along the way. Embracing experimentation, perseverance, and a willingness to take risks are what best describes Mark DeLeon as an artist; key components in laying a solid foundation for a successful career in the arts. Mark's overall passion and drive is to create what is non-existent and bring to life what has no life. It is his desire to create and inspire others to do the same.

Previous murals completed 2023

01 Sugar Land Town Square Plaza now features a fresh mural painted by local artist Mark DeLeon of Art Museum TX. The artwork, which depicts Twisted Steel, the prized bull owned by UFC President Dana White, commemorated the return of the Professional Bull Riders' Unleash the Beast tour to Houston after five years. The mural dimensions are 15' x 26'.

02 VEGA Americas opening of new Texas office and training facility In Pasadena. Inside the facility are selections of Texas themed murals and custom artwork. A rugged Texas landscape and longhorns grazing greets you as you enter the facility. Around the corner is a classroom with an abstract contemporary style mural. Shipping Container dimensions: 9' x 20'. Classroom dimensions: 15' x 50'(wrap around).

03 Baker Ripley's East End Learning Center mural. Through Verizon partnership in community forward programs, the East End project addresses community needs, and fosters economic growth. The mural is a depiction of exploration, design, and STEM education. Mural dimensions: 7'x 15'

04 SOND Industries specializes in custom and precision machining. The outdoor mural points towards patriotism and the start of a new horizon. Included in the artwork a portrait of the owner's dog. Shipping Container Dimensions: 9' x 40'

05 Beacon Federal Credit Union mural in collaboration with KABOOM. KABOOM is a non profit organization that unites with communities to build kid design play spaces. The mural hints at financial literacy and attracts the youth into going out, walking, running, exploring, and having fun. Fence Dimensions: 12' x 60'

