



Art Works by
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Mural Proposal

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Dear Members of the TCEDC Mural Program,

I am Justin Lopez, a local mural artist from Galveston, eager to contribute to the TCEDC Mural Program. With a passion for our community's history and culture, I aim to create a mural that enriches Texas City's landscape and fosters community pride. I am excited about the opportunity to collaborate and make a meaningful impact through my artwork, contributing to the cultural vibrancy and economic development of Texas City.

I am confident that my artistic vision, combined with my passion for this community, will result in a mural that not only beautifies the urban landscape, but also resonates deeply with residents and visitors alike.

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Introduction

Meet Justin Lopez, a mural artist known for his vibrant and detailed artwork that incorporate compelling portraits, as well as the landscapes and wildlife of the Gulf Coast. Justin grew up in Galveston, where he was exposed to the rich and diverse ecology of the region, becoming captivated by the vibrant colors and intricate patterns of local plants and animals. After several years of experimenting with spray paint and other materials, he began to incorporate these elements into his art, and quickly developed a unique and recognizable style.

He is a passionate and dedicated individual who believes in the transformative power of art, who uses his talent and creativity to produce stunning murals that not only beautify their surroundings, but also inspire and uplift those who see them.

Justin remains humble and grateful for the opportunities that his talent has brought him. He continues to be inspired by the natural beauty of the Gulf Coast, and is dedicated to capturing its essence in his art.



General Information about the Artist

Name: Justin Lopez

Background: Born and raised in the Gulf Coast community of Galveston County, Justin Lopez is a passionate mural artist dedicated to enriching urban landscapes with vibrant and meaningful artwork.

Organization Size: Justin Lopez operates as an independent artist.

Location: Based out of Galveston County, Justin Lopez's studio is located at his home in La Marque, TX

Years in Business: Justin Lopez has been passionate about art all his life and has been creating murals professionally for the past 6 years.

Owner/Principal: Justin Lopez is the sole owner and principal artist/designer of Art Works by Justin Lopez

Narrative of Previous Murals

Completed

As a mural artist, I have had the privilege of undertaking numerous projects that have enriched urban landscapes and fostered community engagement. While I have not directly collaborated with economic development corporations, municipal governments, or county governments, I have been commissioned by third parties to create murals on their behalf. These projects have provided invaluable opportunities to contribute to the beautification and cultural enrichment of various communities.

Although the commissions were facilitated by third-party entities, the murals I have created in collaboration with them have adhered closely to the objectives and visions outlined by the respective organizations. Through meticulous planning, creative execution, and adherence to regulatory guidelines, I have ensured that each mural project aligns with the broader goals of economic development, community revitalization, and cultural preservation.

While my engagement with these governmental and corporate entities may be indirect, the impact of my work on behalf of third-party clients has been significant, enhancing public spaces, promoting local heritage, and fostering a sense of pride and identity.

Moving forward, I remain committed to leveraging my artistic talents and expertise to working directly with governmental and corporate entities on mural projects. I am eager to explore opportunities for deeper engagement and partnership, with the shared goal of creating vibrant, culturally rich environments that benefit residents and visitors alike.

References

James McDonald: (979)480-4243, business owner and client for several years. Collaborated with owner on projects for multiple businesses, including project for the Freeport Economic Development Corporation

James Westinghouse: (281)339-2880. Fire Chief of Bacliff Volunteer Fire Department, collaborated on mural in June of 2021 for the fire department's headquarters.

Galveston Cultural Arts Commission: CulturalArts@GalvestonTX.gov awarded the Artist Grant in 2022, and successfully executed local mural project in a professional and timely manner.

Mural designed in collaboration with the Volunteer Fire Department of Bacliff, this mural was commissioned to honor the long-time local Fire Chief.

Size: approximately 50ft x 20ft



Mural was selected as a recipient of the Artist Grant 2022, awarded by the Cultural Arts Commission of Galveston, Tx

Size: approximately 45ft x 15ft



Mural was commissioned by local business owner, sponsored and partially funded by the Freeport Economic Development Corporation.

Size: approximately 135ft x 9ft



A selection of murals that showcase the scope and quality of the artist work. Commissioned by private businesses, citizens, and volunteer community projects.



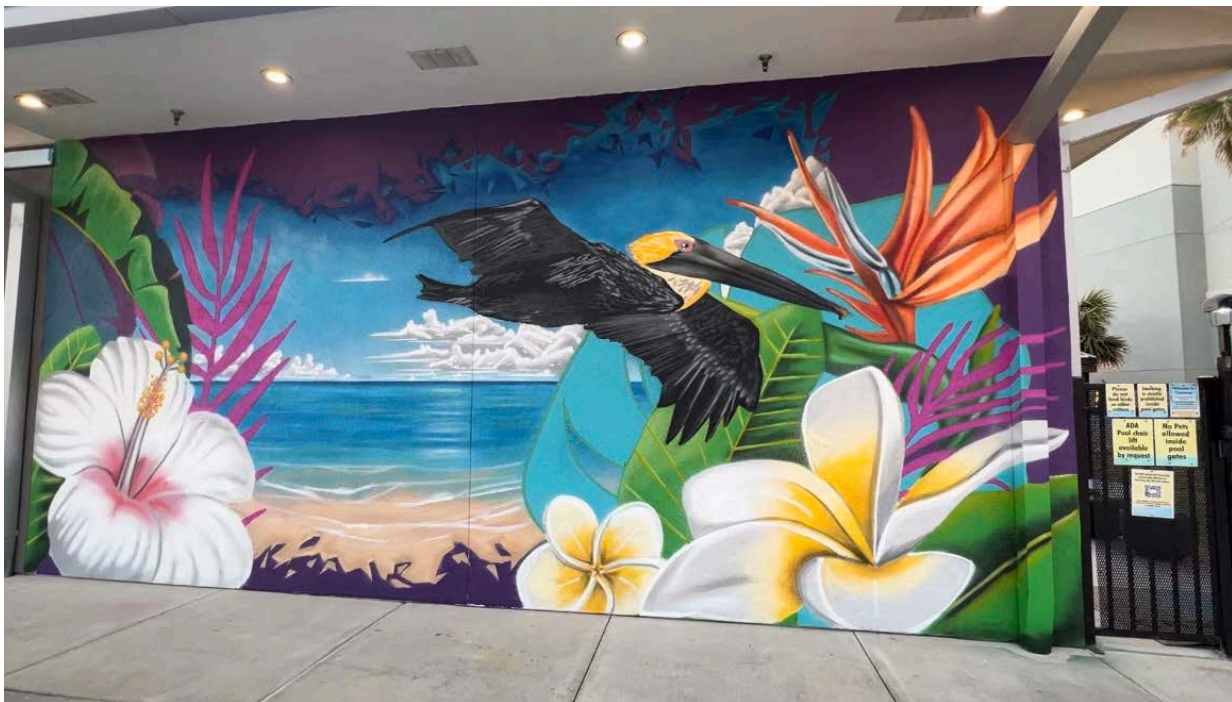
Interior and exterior mural commissioned by Texas City businesses, Grand Prize BBQ

Exterior mural was commissioned by Tucker Masonic Lodge of Galveston

Size: approximately 17ft x 20ft



Mural commissioned by Marriot Hotel of Galveston. Size: approximately 20ft x 10ft



These three murals were donated to the Cool 2 Be Kind project in the downtown district of Galveston. Designed, financed, and painted by the Artist.



Description of compensation method

As a professional mural artist, I adhere to a transparent and comprehensive pricing structure that takes into account various factors to ensure fair compensation for my work. After careful consideration of variables such as size, complexity of design, surface preparation, materials, equipment needed, and time required for completion, I have established a flat rate of **\$45 per square foot** for my mural services. This rate encompasses not only the cost of materials and equipment but also factors in the time and expertise invested in the design and execution of the mural. By offering a flat rate, I aim to provide clarity and consistency to my clients while ensuring that the pricing accurately reflects the value of the artwork produced.

Total cost for 20ft x 40ft (800 sqft) - \$36,000.

Total cost for 8ft x 16ft (128 sqft)- \$5760

Total cost for 54in x 44in x 27in (approx. 52sqft) -\$2340

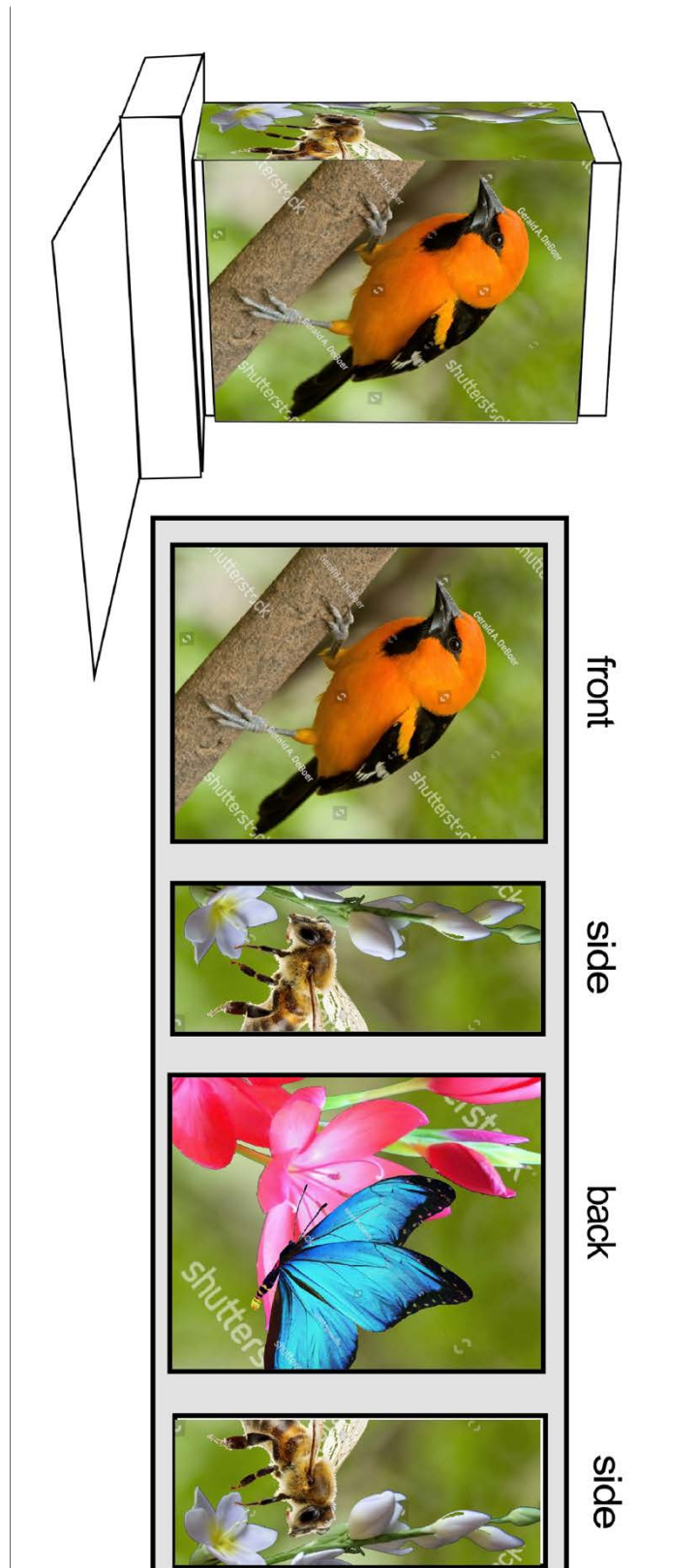
Proposed Image for Mural 20' x 40'



Proposed image for mural 8' x 16'



Proposed mural for traffic box



In designing the proposed murals for the Economic Development Corporation in Texas City, I aimed to encapsulate the essence and diversity of the community through a vibrant tapestry of wildlife, fauna, and individuals. By incorporating elements of local flora and fauna, I sought to celebrate the natural beauty and ecological richness of the region, fostering a sense of pride and appreciation among residents. Additionally, the inclusion of diverse individuals from various cultural backgrounds and age groups serves to underscore the community's unity in diversity, promoting inclusivity and representation. This approach not only pays homage to the unique heritage and identity of Texas City but also highlights the collective strength and resilience of its people. Ultimately, my decision to design the mural in this manner was driven by a desire to create a visually compelling and inclusive artwork that resonates with the entire community, instilling a sense of belonging and shared identity.

In conclusion, I am incredibly excited about the opportunity to collaborate with the city on this mural project. I want to emphasize that all designs presented in this proposal are preliminary and open to alteration or modification based on the organization's specific needs and preferences. With that flexibility in mind, I firmly believe that I am the best option for this project for several reasons.

Firstly, my deep-rooted connection to the Gulf Coast and its wildlife has inspired my artistic journey, enabling me to infuse authenticity and passion into every mural I create. Secondly, my six years of full-time experience as a mural artist have equipped me with the technical skills and creative vision necessary to tackle projects of varying scales and complexities. Additionally, my commitment to collaboration and open communication ensures that the client's vision is brought to life while maintaining artistic integrity. Finally, my dedication to excellence and attention to detail guarantee that the final result will exceed expectations, leaving a lasting impression on the community.

In essence, I am genuinely invested in the success of this project and am confident in my ability to deliver a breathtaking mural that not only beautifies the city but also resonates with its residents on a profound level. Thank you for considering me for this opportunity, and I look forward to the possibility of working together to create something truly extraordinary for the city of Texas City, TX.