



Pompano Beach Collier City
Artist in Residence

Art Work Proposal
CITY-RISE



Design Statement for COLLIER CITY RISE

Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope.

Maya Angelou

Collier City Rise is an art project designed to represent the culmination of community engaged art based events, workshops and meetings, specifically within Collier City which served to assist in facilitating the creative process for a public art work that reflects the vibrancy of the Collier City community.

Through numerous meetings, social engagements and relationship building with the community, I have imagined a concept which places the people of Collier City at the focal point of the design. The power and dynamics of Collier City stem from the citizens who call Collier City home. From the outset of the Residency, the citizens have fully embraced the power of art, unlocking their abilities to exercise creative license to build bridges of cultural hybridity, discourse, consensus and celebration of a bright and promising future.



CITY-RISE MURALS



Ya La'ford is an internationally recognized award winning artists, muralist and professor with recent exhibitions at the Tampa Museum of Art, Chihuly Gallery, Orlando Museum of Art, Perez Art Museum and Miami Art Basel. Lafort's work in Cuba, Colombia, Thailand, China, Egypt and Kingston, Jamaica served as international inspiration to connect Collier City to the world.

City-Rise is mural space located in the reading sections at the Jan Moran Collier City Library. The mural was influenced by the community engagement and painting events with residents and children of Collier City. During the engagement events, this vibrant community and specifically students, learned much about abstraction, local culture, and how art can be a beacon of hope and inspiration for the Collier City community and beyond. The design framework of these murals, center on a theme of community PRIDE and revitalization, intended to celebrate and capture the rich culture, legacy and vibrancy of Collier City. The Jan Moran Collier City library serves as an important creative hub and gathering place for the community. City-Rise seeks to articulate the past, present and unlimited future possibilities of the community's dreams and renewed sense of place. For this community, these murals reflect its complex and dynamic culture in many ways both seen and unseen. As such, both of the proposed CITY-RISE murals embrace an abstract visual composition that is both friendly, welcoming and an beacon of inspiration determined to acknowledge each student's dreams and renewed sense of place.

(Image is example of what the wall will look like after the community engagement and prior to completion.)

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Example of students working with Ya Laford during mark-making stage of geometric community empowerment mural.

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The creation of CITY-RISE is an exciting community partnership with Collier City and is designed to utilize the power of art to build interconnectivity. Students and community members from Collier City will participate in the installation of the recessed area of the murals via the mark-making techniques they learned during earlier engagements. The two murals along with the corresponding custom geometric ceiling patterns, comprise a total of 4 abstract murals. The intricacy and mirroring of the labyrinths require mathematic properties in relation to points, lines and dimensional analogs, understanding of 3-D perspective, color composition and aesthetic coordination especially given the 4 murals are installed synchronously.

Once complete, the community will have achieved value in both participation of all of the events, engagements and lectures that served as data and information gathering points that inspired the final art work. These 4 murals in composition aim to enthuse community revitalization and each members participation for many years to come.

Location: 2 murals covering the recessed and curved wall spaces in the main library room along geometric design painting on the bench sectionals.

Dimensions:

Recessed curved mural 9' Tall X 8' Wide

Ceiling mural 7' diameter

Second Recessed curved mural 9' X 8'

Ceiling mural 7' diameter

Monetary Value: \$13,250.00



Example of Metallic Paint.