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VisualEYES

a quality of passion and inspiration; a spirit; having soul, a heightened state of emotion, expression and authenticity

Fort Lauderdale, FL., Broward County kicks off its 100 year celebration Duende with the dedication of “Feathers of Hope” Mural that is a part of its Arts Renaissance called VisualEyes. The mural was created and constructed by artist Nate Dee.

Nathan Delinois (Nate Dee) is a native South Floridian and has numerous influences for his use of color. Two of the influences that are prominent in his work evolve from his Haitian heritage and from street art.

All murals in the project required the artists to interact with the community to better understand the utility of the building on which the painting would be created, as well as the community surrounding it.

According to the official Broward County, Duende website for the mural. Nate Dee found that many families used the Mills Center, a multipurpose center, so he focused the mural around the family and the concept of hope. Nate shares his insight on art through quoted from his artist statement.

“The series that I am working on is similar to a pot-pourri with a mélange of images and patterns. Usually based on a figurative element that is the focal point, the images and patterns are representative of my personal experiences, ideas, and philosophies. Although each piece is usually a direct response to the text contained within it, I still try to keep the actual meaning as ambiguous as possible. I want the viewer to find his or her own meaning and relationship to the artwork. At first glance there is a sense of whimsy in my work that is grounded by its urban visual elements.”

Audrey Ljung, a human services regional coordinator at the Mills Center, who has worked as a liaison for him, said after seeing his plan for the mural, “His work is excellent. I am really happy to have him as the artist. He speaks to the conscience of and ethnic makeup of the community.”

VisualEYES encourages connectivity and community engagement through a series of public art works.

The goal of the Broward 100 Mural Project is to create artworks that are located in all sectors of the community and make a county-wide tribute to Broward County with the clear and artistic message that the visual arts are essential to a strong community.

VisualEYES will also engage galleries and museums to create opportunities to showcase artists and build new social bonds through public art.

The mural is set to be dedicated as a peace and inspiration celebration to be unveiled live on Periscope and to the public on Thursday, October 1st, 6-7PM at the Edgar P. Mills Multi-Purpose Center, 900 NW 31st Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. The mural is part of a county-wide installation of public art projects in celebration of Broward County's Centennial, Broward 100 - Celebrating the Art of Community.

To learn more about Nate Dee you can visit his website at <http://www.natedee.com>

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Artist Yvette Michele Booth

ART on AIDS & HIV

South Florida has Highest AIDS Rates in USA. Artist of all ages have a message to share in helping this epidemic that is affecting our community.



SCRUBBING OUT THE STIGMA by joining the World AIDS Museum & Educational Center and Artist Yvette Michele by sharing the art in Social Media. This is the message from the artist, “Silence is Violence- No Shame”, Darius Daughtery



“Feathers of Hope” Mural by Nate Dee

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- Grade
- School

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DUENDE EVENTS:

THURS 1st - 6:00 pm -7:00 pm, 900 NW 31st Ave, The “Feathers of Hope” VisualEYES Mural representing Strength, Community, Family, Peace and Inspiration will be unveiled at the Edgar P. Mills Multi-Purpose Center

FRI 2nd - 8:00 pm - 3:00 am, SW 2ND ST, Grand Opening Take-over street performers, Drum Battle, Live Bands and DJs, Flash Mobs, Dance, Rock, Jazz, Hip Hop, Street Art, Light Shows & Projections

SAT 3rd - 11:00 am - 3:00 am, SW 2ND ST Party of the Century, Interactive & Cross Cultural Music, Dance & Performance, Top Musical Acts - An international blend of Dance, Hip Hop, Salsa, Reggae, Pop and House,

SAT 3rd - 11:00 am - 5:00 pm - ESPLANADE PARK & AMATURO THEATER- The Big One Hundred! Fun, Free and Fabulous Family-friendly Experiences and Performance Events, Interactive Art Booth, Art Bus, Bounce House, Egg Time Capsule, Musical Instrument Petting Zoo, Nest Lounge, Costume Tent, Edible Art Stations

SAT 3rd - 8:00 pm - 10:30 pm, BROWARD CENTER - “We...” The Passion & Rhythm of the People Created by Broadway Director & Cirque Dreams Founder Neil Goldberg - A Broadway-style extravaganza featuring Broward's finest talents.

SUN 4th - 3:00 pm – 10:00 pm, DUENDE A.M.P. FESTIVAL POMPANO BEACH – , A.M.P. Festival Site Local bands compete for Most Amped Performance and winner will perform at 6:30 pm followed by Sammy Figueroa, Otis Cadillac, The Jason Taylor Foundation's Blueapple Poetry Network and Body and Soul Dance Theatre.

Also, 12 artists will compete against each other during 45-minute preliminary rounds creating a new work of art during ARTwar.. Only one artist will become the winner in this unique flurry of brush strokes and paint!

HOLLYWOOD ARTSPARK YOUNG CIRCLE

FRI 2nd - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Duende Funtastic Friday, Enjoy family fun in the Meadow

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Duende ArtsPark Movie, Featuring The Boxtrolls (Animated - PG).

SAT 3rd - 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm, Duende ArtsPark Live!, Featuring LEGACY a 10 member band featuring the sounds of the 50's, 60's and 70's.

For more information visit duende.broward.org

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