

RAINBOW COMMUNITY ARTS OLYMPIA

Inaugural Year of Mural Projects

2024 Annual Report

Overview

In 2024, Rainbow Community Arts Olympia (Rainbow), separated from Capitol City Pride to launch a new mission. Supported by generous private donations, Rainbow began a pilot project of murals and dedication events that uplift the broader Olympia, Washington community and beyond with a strong focus on artists who represent the LGBTQ+ communities and communities of color.

Key Accomplishments

In 2024, Rainbow funded and supported the following mural and art projects:



Ravens Chasing the Moon – Rainbow collaborated with Cowlitz artist Sarah Folden for several years to find a prominent location for this powerful mural. Folden then chose Chehalis artist Jene Redecker along with a group of indigenous youth painters to create this storytelling mural in the contemporary Coast Salish style.

Location: 225 State Ave East, Olympia, WA.



Lugwut – This figure, Lugwut, aka Sasquatch, was painted by Nisqually artist Kyle Sanchez and Christopher Gerber. This was part of a larger mural titled, “Water People of the Shore” painted by Kyle Sanchez and family along with Squaxin artist Joe Seymour.

Location: 410 Capitol Way South, Olympia, WA.



Migration of the Rainbow Wings- Rainbow funded the most recent incarnation of the Rainbow Wings, a beloved mural that has appeared in two other locations. As a statement of presence for the LGBTQ+ communities, this mural is a favorite selfie backdrop.

Location: 112 4th Avenue West, Olympia, WA.



Great Wave - Restoration – The original, “Great Wave Of Kanagawa” was painted in 1831 by Hokusai and recreated as an Olympia mural in 1977 by Joe Tougas & friends and then restored this year by artist Austin Michael Davis. At completion, it was dedicated to the endurance of the Japanese American community.

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Arc of Aging - Rainbow partnered with Senior Services of South Sound to create an intergenerational mural, painted by artists ranging from six to seventy six years old representing lifespans as an arc of community.

Location: 222 Columbia Avenue NE, Olympia WA.



Alley Aquarium (Ongoing)- Rainbow works with local families with children to create colorful images of the undersea world of the Salish Sea (aka Puget Sound).

Location: 113 Capitol Way North, Olympia WA.

Fiscal Report

In 2024, Rainbow raised a total of \$19,225 in new revenues, spent a total of \$19,191 on projects and related costs, and banked a total of \$34 for future projects.

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| <p>2024 Revenues Raised:</p> <p>\$ 250 – Private donor \$ 1,400 – Private donor <u>\$ 17,575 - Private donor</u> \$19,225 total revenue</p> | <p>2024 Expenditures:</p> <p>\$17,250 - Artist payments \$ 918 – Web & graphic design \$ 636 – Mural Plaques <u>\$ 387 - Dedication costs</u> \$19,191 total expenditures</p> |
| <p>\$ 34 Remaining funds</p> | |

For more information: Please visit us on the web to learn more about our projects

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