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PROGRAM
MURAL UNVEILING

Thursday, August 11th, 2011

5:30PM - 7:30PM

Shih Yu-Lang Central YMCA



Welcome

Dear MMAP Friends and Family,

Thank you for taking the time to commend and support our youth and the Teen Mural Program. We have had an inspiring, exciting, hard-working, hilarious, productive, and fun summer, and we are pleased to be able to celebrate it with you today. The Teen Mural Program (TMP) is a youth development program and summer employment opportunity that teaches high school students to research, design, and install a large public art mural. This summer, our TMP theme was "Vision." We have studied the visions of past graffiti artists, muralists, and Hip Hop heads, seen the way technology can accelerate a vision for revolution, and learned how we can use technology to create social change. The artistic expression you will see today is the culmination of what we want to see, and how we will uplift our communities.

As we stand here today, we are envisioning a better future for San Francisco youth. Since 2008 MMAP has worked alongside our community partners, the Urban Services YMCA, to bring arts enrichment into afterschool programming. The synergy between our missions has showed us the tremendous strides we can make when we unite. Together, we challenge you with the same questions we have confronted this summer: what is your vision for your community? How do you enact that vision? Let's follow the lead of our youth in making our world a better place.

Blessings,

Olaremi Sobomehin, Aria Florant, Sarah Woodward,
Patrick Davenport, and MMAP Staff

Agenda

Invocation

Welcome Address

JD Francis
Shih Yu-Lang Central YMCA + Francesca Cosentino,
Site Coordinator, International Studies Academy

About the Mural Music & Arts Project

Olatunde Sobomehin
Deputy Director, Mural Music and Arts Project

Keynote Address

Stephen DeBerry
Chief Investment Officer Bronze Investments

About the Teen Mural Program

Candice Petty
Advisory Board Member, Mural Music and Arts Project

Artistic Expression

Teen Mural Assistants
Teen Mural Program 2011

Appreciation

Doug Overman
Board President, Mural Music & Arts Project



Mural Meanings



“Vision: Claiming Our Voice and Building Our Future”

This a 9-ft portable diptych mural depicting the vision of MMAP’s youth, their families, their communities and their world. The ominous storm represents past challenges, oppression and hardships. From this dark past emerges a gathering of bright lights representing protesters who in the face of difficulty channel their vision to create a better future. Headphones hanging from the peaks of the bridge symbolize music and technology connecting diverse people from past to present. Subtle images in the clouds reflect the impact of social media as a tool for social change, and the small sparks of light represent the power needed to bring about this change. The light’s transformation into a glowing light bulb and dove represents the development of ideas that can bring about peace in the future.

On the right, MMAP youth share their vision of peace and unity through artistic expression. Reeds of bright green form a utopian environment of equity and true justice. The three uniquely colored globes symbolize diverse worlds sharing collective visions and co-existing without conflict. Overall, the mural design reflects the growing possibilities of communication, technology and art as tools to turn vision into reality.

MMAplication Effect

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*I just wanna be free like the peace” bergurs
bezerk” how they keep freeze when i speak words
We learned if we did, think, and we research
Disperse words, this hurts when this hits earth
My people deserve to be equal
Free from the lethal grip of the living with the sinful
seed of all evill
I keep my mind the pass hard in the current
So when i cross that bridge my vision be close to
perfect
Thumbs emerging from the surface
for the proper purpose. its worth it
so we gotta keep working.
I gotta make this change cant remain the same.
The drugs, gangs, and pain-
cocaine just to maintain.
I gotta drain all this emotion that im holding
i wrote this so i can stay focused
with a hocus pocus,
a few words spoken, no tricks i
think big because my city golden*

By David McKneely

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YMCA of San Francisco

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Shih Yu-Lang Central YMCA

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Urban Services YMCA

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MMAP Artists

Thank you Sarah Woodward, Keith Cross, Alanna Birmingham, Bethany Woolman, and Sonja Swenson for your artistic vision.

MMAP Family

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Orrick, Herrington, & Sutcliffe, LLP

Thank you Rey Suansing, Shawn Bates and Orrick staff for your ongoing support of the Teen Mural Program.

Tortilla Heights

Thank you Paul Owens, for providing delicious appetizers for our guests.

A man is shown in profile, singing into a microphone. The image is heavily overlaid with a vibrant, abstract pattern of green and yellow lines, creating a sense of energy and movement. The background is dark, and the overall tone is warm and inspiring.

To have vision is to imagine unbelievable ideas and to create believable paths to get to where you believe.

- Troy Reinhard