

NEIGHBORHOOD MURAL TOUR WEST TOWN BIKE TOUR



Neighborhood Mural Tour

West Town (Biking Tour)

Green Star Movement inspires students and community members through the creation of public art.

We serve 1600+ students annually with our bricolage mural arts program and we have transformed 70+ public spaces in Chicago and abroad.

What is bricolage? Bricolage murals combine tile and mirror mosaic, sculpture, painting, and photographs to create dynamic, visually-stunning art. Bricolage mosaics are resistant to vandalism, incredibly durable, and an accessible art form for people of all ages and abilities making them perfect for community-created public art!



1 LASALLE II MAGNET SCHOOL 1118 W. Thorndale Ave, Chicago, IL 60660

Year(s): 2011
Participants: 300 4th–8th Grade Students
Square Footage: 3,000
Neighborhood: Ukranian Village

Wrapping around the north and east entrances of the school, the mural emphasizes the natural world with images of a windmill, gardening, and a tree.

2 COMMERCIAL PARK 1845 W. Rice St, Chicago, IL 60622

Year(s): 2014
Participants: 20 All Ages
Square Footage: 300
Neighborhood: East Village
Partner(s): Friends of the Parks

GSM completed two murals here: the first has a double helix design which brightens up the entrance of the park's field house and the other, which is on the south side of the building, illustrates the seasons of the year.

3 TALCOTT FINE ARTS ACADEMY 1840 W. Ohio St, Chicago, IL 60622

Year(s): 2014
Participants: 150 4th–8th Grade Students
Square Footage: 150
Neighborhood: West Town

The finely-detailed mosaics at Talcott incorporate traditional fine arts images and feature piano keys morphing into serpents along the front entrance.

4 LITTLE BROTHERS - FRIENDS OF THE ELDERLY 355 N Ashland Ave, Chicago, IL 60607

Year(s): 2020-2021
Participants: Various ages
Neighborhood: West Town

The floral design of this mural was inspired by Little Brothers' motto, flowers before bread, expressing the spirit that man does not live by bread alone; it is the human touch that makes life worth living.

5 SKINNER WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1260 W. Adams St, Chicago, IL 60607

Year(s): 2015–2016
Participants: 60 4th–8th Grade Students
Square Footage: 700
Neighborhood: Near West Side

Over the course of two spring sessions, we worked with students to create 3-dimensional star figures and a banner with the Chicago stars crossing through the city skyline.

6 SUDER MONTESSORI 2022 W. Washington Blvd, Chicago, IL 60612

Year(s): 2013
Participants: 250 4th–8th Grade Students
Square Footage: 1300
Neighborhood: West Town

This mural depicts elements of the montessori philosophy including nature in the classroom, exploration of the environment and the role of education in establishing peace.

7 CHOPIN ELEMENTARY 2450 W. Rice St, Chicago, IL 60622

Year(s): 2014
Participants: 150 4th–8th Grade Students
Square Footage: 800
Neighborhood: Humboldt Park
Partner(s): After School Matters

Wrapping around the corner of the building, elements of science and nature come together inside a golden spiral.

8 CHICAGO AVENUE UNDERPASS W. Chicago Ave & N. Albany Ave, Chicago, IL, 60612

Year(s): 2011
Participants: 20 9th–12th Grade Students
Square Footage: 1200
Neighborhood: West Humboldt Park
Partner(s): After School Matters, Graffiti Zone, West Humboldt Park Development Council

Because West Humboldt park is struggling to rebuild itself as a positive, thriving neighborhood, the project participants incorporated images of healthy living and family into the mural as a tool to inspire and educate the community.

9 CHASE ELEMENTARY 2021 North Point St, Chicago, IL 60647

Year(s): 2021
Participants: Chase Elementary Students
Neighborhood: Logan Square

This mural at Chase Elementary depicts the word "Chase" in sign language. The imagery in the background represents each element of STEAM.

NEARBY RESTAURANTS

A SHOKOLAD PASTRY AND CAFE 2524 W. Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60622

European cafe offering pastries, cookies & a savory menu with crêpes & pierogi; Breakfast & Lunch

B WEST TOWN BAKERY AND DINER 1916 W. Chicago, Chicago, IL 60622

Upbeat spot for sustainably produced, mostly organic baked goods
Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner

C BUCK'S CHICKEN & BISCUITS 1700 W. Division Ave, Chicago, IL 60622

Rustic Southern restaurant featuring fried chicken, biscuits & booze in a loungey space
Dinner, Cocktails, Weekend Brunch