PROPOSAL:

JOHNSTON ROAD
CROSS WALK

2024

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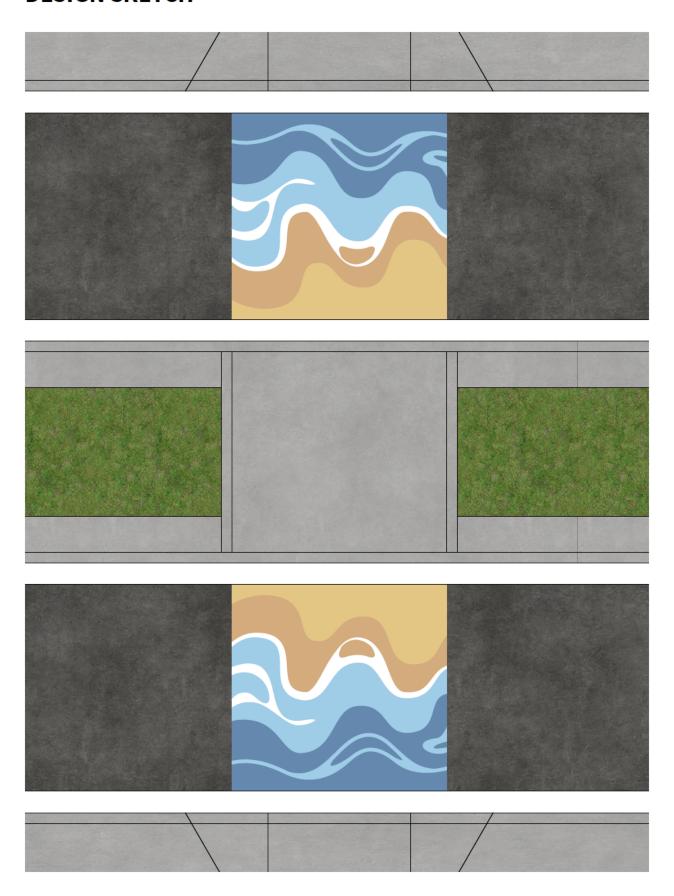




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DESIGN SKETCH



ARTIST'S STATEMENT

My proposed artwork portrays the transition between land and sea. I want to capture the visuals of White Rock's beaches and transport it to the heart of the Uptown community.

Organic flowing forms depict the sea splashing against the shore. Stylized representations of sea foam and reflected sunlight flow across the water. With the design being mirrored across the median, a pedestrian's routine street crossing becomes a stroll in and out of sand and waves.

This section of Johnston Road will give residents and visitors an approachable encounter with art. With its highly visible position, it will serve as a vibrant and welcoming invitation for everyone to appreciate White Rock's connection to the ocean.

(I often find myself drawn to the visuals of dynamic waterscapes — see examples in my past projects.

I'm very passionate about freely accessible public art, and I would be happy to adapt my design if there are any technical limitations to consider based on the properties of thermoplastic, or according to the city's needs.

I am adept at creating vector-based illustrations and can produce changes and final artwork as required.)

COLOUR PALETTE



SEA AND SKY

PAINTED PIANO

Date: January 2024

Location: Clayton Community Center

Surrey, BC

Dimensions: 59" Length x 24" Width x 48" Height

Material: Acrylic & latex paint on wood

Client: City of Surrey

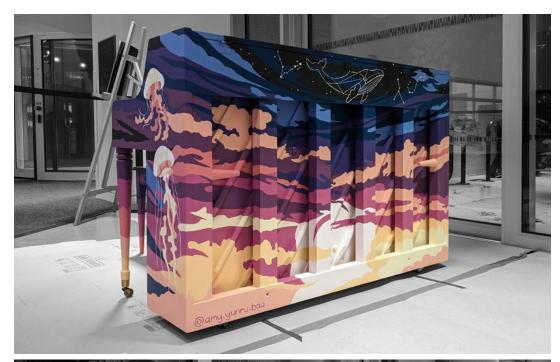
Description:

The sea and sky blend into one continuous tapestry that wraps around the piano, combining an underwater world with atmospheric light.

Ocean creatures swim through a sea of stars. Clouds on the back of the piano flow into jellyfish on the sides and constellations on the top.

Underneath the keyboard is a view that could be either coral under watery moonlight, or cacti under wispy clouds.

Painted as part of a live demonstration for Surrey Culture Days.





SHIPS AT SUNSET

PAINTED BENCH

Date: April 2023

Location: YVR Airport, Richmond, BC

Dimensions: Seat & back are both 6' x 1.5'

Material: Exterior latex paint on wood

Client: Tourism Richmond

Description:

This painting makes use of the bench's two angled surfaces to depict a continuous dramatic sunset scene in two views — one upright, one aerial.

The first view is upright. The bench back shows several silhouetted ships at sea, backed by wispy clouds in a shifting evening sky, with landscapes in the distance.

The second view is aerial. The bench seat shows the surface of the sea. The same ships on the right are reflected below. The same boat zipping across the scene is shown from above in its wake. The water ripples with the vibrant colours from the sky.

This painting conveys the aesthetically stunning visuals of large man-made vessels being dwarfed and engulfed by the natural environment.





STEVESTON SUNSET

PAINTED BENCH

Date: June 2023

Location: Fisherman's Wharf, Richmond, BC

Dimensions: Seat & back are both 6' x 1.5'

Material: Exterior latex paint on wood

Client: Tourism Richmond

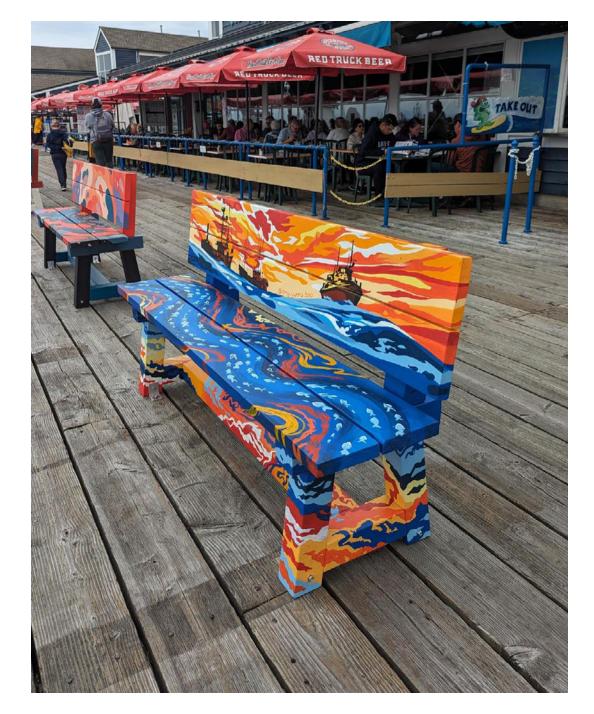
Description:

This design highlights Steveston's natural scenery and deep sunsets, as well as its historical and dynamic fishing industry. The painting makes use of the bench's two angled surfaces to depict a dramatic sunset scene in two views.

The first view is upright. The bench back shows several silhouetted ships at sea, backed by wispy painterly clouds in a evening sky alive at the golden hour, with rolling waves in the foreground.

The second view is from above. The bench seat shows the surface of the sea and a glimpse underwater. The water ripples with the vibrant colours from the sky as a school of shimmering fish swim past beneath the surface.

The design extends organically to incorporate the rest of the bench.



CHILLIWACK LANDSCAPE

PAINTED BENCH

Date: August 2023

Location: Downtown Chilliwack, BC

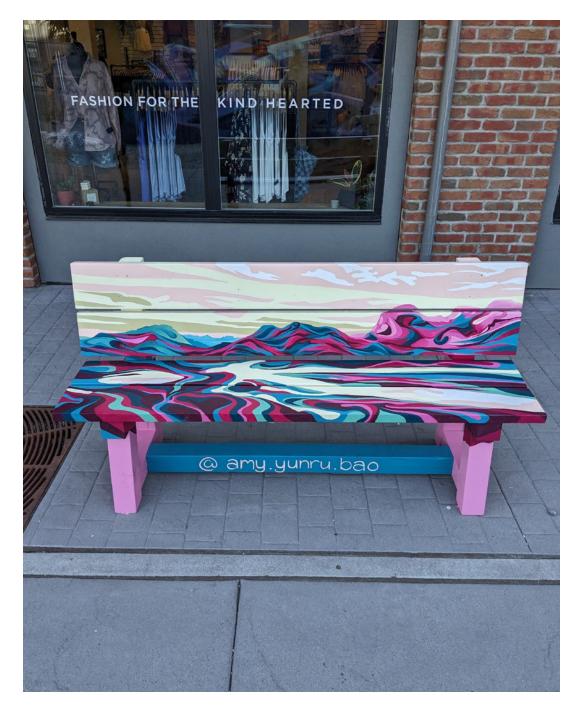
Dimensions: Seat & back are both 6' x 1.5'

Material: Exterior latex paint on wood

Client: Chilliwack Mural Festival

Description:

This bench depicts a stylized reinterpretation of the natural landscape of Chilliwack, with a river on the seat and mountains on the back.



SUMMER OASIS

PAVEMENT MURAL

Date: May 2023

Location: Clinton Park

2690 Grant St, Vancouver, BC

Dimensions: 12' Length x 4' Width x 2' Height

Material: Exterior ground paint on concrete

Client: Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House

Description:

This mural uses the geometry of the stairs and planter to illustrate flowing water, tranquil ponds, and water lilies. Water flows down the steps like a little waterfall.

The design was inspired by the flourishing community garden in the park.







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EDUCATION

2014 - 2019	UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE Bachelors Honours of Architectural Studies, Co-op	Cambridge, ON
2009 - 2014	LORD BYNG SECONDARY - BYNG ARTS MINI SCHOOL Interdisciplinary Honours in Visual & Literary Arts	Vancouver, BC

EMPLOYMENT

2022 - now	I.E. CREATIVE ARTWORKS - Collaborating artist at a sculpture studio	Vancouver, BC
2022 - now	YOUNG GUNS ART STUDIO - Instructor	Vancouver, BC
2019 - 2021	KHÔRA ARCHITECTURE + INTERIORS - Junior Designer	Vancouver, BC

EXHIBITIONS

2024	SEA AND SKY - Painted piano	Clayton Community Center, Surrey, BC
2023	JACOB'S LADDER - Kinetic sculpture	The Gallery George, Vancouver, BC
2023	CHILLIWACK LANDSCAPE - Painted bend	ch Downtown Chilliwack, BC
2023	STEVESTON AT SUNSET - Painted bench	Steveston Boardwalk, Richmond, BC
2023	SUMMER OASIS - Mural	Clinton Park, Vancouver, BC
2023	SHIPS AT THE HARBOR - Painted bench	YVR Observation Deck, Richmond, BC
2023	DRIVE THRIVE - Mural	Drive Youth Employment Services, Vancouver, BC
2022	GLOW AND GROW - Light installation	Renfrew Ravine Park, Vancouver, BC
2022	VISITING A FRIEND - Painted picnic table	Steveston Boardwalk, Richmond, BC
2017	EGGS - Sculpture series	Interior Design Show, Toronto, ON
2014	PURPLE - Oil on canvas	Roundhouse Community Center, Vancouver, BC

AWARDS

2023	NEURODIVERGENT ARTIST COLLECTIVE	Community Arts Council of Vancouver
2022	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ARTISTS	Canada Council for the Arts
2017	OUTSTANDING STUDENT PROJECT	University of Waterloo

CERTIFICATIONS

2022 - 2025 **AERIAL BOOM LIFT + SCISSOR LIFT** Reliable Training Services Inc., BC

