

Mural Routes Newsletter - Fall 2020[View this email in your browser](#)

OFFICE NEWS

We are very pleased to announce that our Managing Director, Marta Keller-Hernandez, has returned to her virtual office after taking time off for maternity leave. Welcome back Marta, we missed you!

The Mural Routes staff has been working from home since March 16 and will continue to do so until further notice. During this time that our office remains closed, the best way to reach us is by email.

You can reach Marta Keller-Hernandez, Managing Director, at marta@muralroutes.ca

For Program inquiries:

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For Membership or the Mural Map of Canada inquiries:

Jackie Santos, Membership and Technical Coordinator, at membership@muralroutes.ca

For general inquiries, you can drop us a line at info@muralroutes.ca

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On October 20, 2020 at 7pm, Mural Routes held our very first **online** Annual General Meeting. A big thank you to those members who were able to attend.

We wish to express our gratitude to long-time board member Cristina Delago, and to Javid Alibhai AKA JAH who have completed their terms. Cristina served on Mural Routes' board for seven years and Javid for over two years. We appreciate that they brought their experience, skills, knowledge and education to move our organization forward. We cannot thank them enough for their dedication and contributions to Mural Routes and we wish

Please join us in welcoming our newest members of the Mural Routes board of directors: Evond Blake (AKA MEDIAH), Nazli Nahidi, and Kseniya Tsoy.

For a complete list of our staff and Board of Directors, please visit our [website](#).

PROGRAMS



CONNECTIONS MURAL RESTORATION

On September 3rd, 2020, Mural Routes, Lead Artist Tara Dorey and volunteer artists worked together to restore the **Connections Mural** on Don Mills Road. The volunteer artists included: Stephanie Caldeira, Niloofar Elahi, Amy Shackleton, Taryn Wilson and Cameron Jamieson – a local resident and artist who offered to paint with the team for the day. We would also like to acknowledge photographer Harry Choi for committing his talent to the project.

The day began with painting over the tagging that had accumulated over the past four years. After a lunch break, each participant was able to add one new stencil pattern to the Connections Mural, for a total of six new textile additions.

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The restoration was made possible with the support of StreetARToronto.



INTRODUCTION TO MURAL ART: THE HIP HOP FUNDAMENTALS OF MURAL MAKING WITH MOISES FRANK

This free, 5 class, online program ran July 14 - August 11. Over 20 participants from North Etobicoke met weekly to learn the Fundamentals of Mural Making with artist instructor Moises Frank. This course was run in partnership with Arts Etobicoke and participants will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience painting their collaborative mural design as part of The North Etobicoke Mural project (date TBD). A big thank you to participants, Moises Frank and Arts Etobicoke for making this program a success!

ROUNDTABLE: ARTISTS' RESPONSE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

JULY 29TH, 2020

FEATURED PANELISTS:

JAVID JAH, STREET ARTIST AND DESIGNER

ANDREA CURTIS, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AT VANCOUVER MURAL FESTIVAL

TARA DOREY, ARTS EDUCATOR AND PROJECT MANAGER

[MURALROUTES.CA/ROUNDTABLE](https://muralroutes.ca/roundtable)

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ONLINE PANEL DISCUSSION: ARTISTS' RESPONSE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

Mural Routes hosted this free online event on July 29, 2020. It aimed to discuss the challenges and responses from mural artists during the Covid-19 pandemic. The conversation centered around alternative ways to source funding, murals as responses, and how to quickly execute projects.

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Tara Dorey, Arts Educator and Project Manager

MURALS AS QUICK RESPONSE TO THE TIMES

Javid JAH, Street Artist and Designer

Andrea Curtis, Director of Operations at the Vancouver Mural Festival

This event was recorded and can be [viewed on our YouTube channel](#).

Mural Routes would like to acknowledge the support of Toronto Arts Council, the Ontario Arts Council, an agency of the Government of Ontario, and the Canada Council for the Arts.



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**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH
3PM-4PM**

**ONLINE
MONTHLY
MEMBER
MEET-UP**

MURALROUTES.CA/MMM

MONTHLY MEMBER MEETUPS

The Monthly Member Meetups (MMM) allow members to gather online safely in a virtual space to connect, exchange ideas and resources, receive feedback, form partnerships, discuss common issues... and ward off the winter blues. Please join us for our next meetup on Google Meet on December 17th, 2020 3-4pm. An email with the link will be sent out to Mural Routes members the Monday before the online meeting. For more information on becoming a Mural Routes member visit: <https://muralroutes.ca/membership/>

MEMBERSHIP

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Image: 'Humberthropocene', Humber College North Campus, Toronto, 2020, Anya Mielniczek Photo credit: Humber College..

FEATURED MEMBER ARTIST

Anya Mielniczek

Mural Routes' Program Manager, Jenneen Beattie, recently interviewed Anya about her work - you can read the interview on our [website](#):

Anya Mielniczek is a Toronto based multidisciplinary artist who combines her fine art background with raw material grit in both private and public sectors creating mixed-media installations, mural work and facilitating community art activations.

The artists approach to mediums includes latex, aerosol and upcycled waste, working with the mechanical application of spray and the energy of hand brushed strokes (infused with powerful female portraits and garbage bits if possible).

A Queen's University graduate, Anya's worked with various organizations, municipalities and businesses creating public art within communities around Toronto and internationally. Recently her murals have taken her to Europe and South America while her corporate projects include lead production on HideSeek, a 7000sq foot immersive art experience in Toronto in 2019 and collaborations with BACARDI, QUO Makeup, Moroccanoil, DELL, RBC, 1800GOTJUNK and Chevrolet. Her commitment to her practice especially when aligned with public spaces is to create with purpose by giving nature a voice while defining a conversation with the viewer that may inspire and bring awareness for sustainable change.

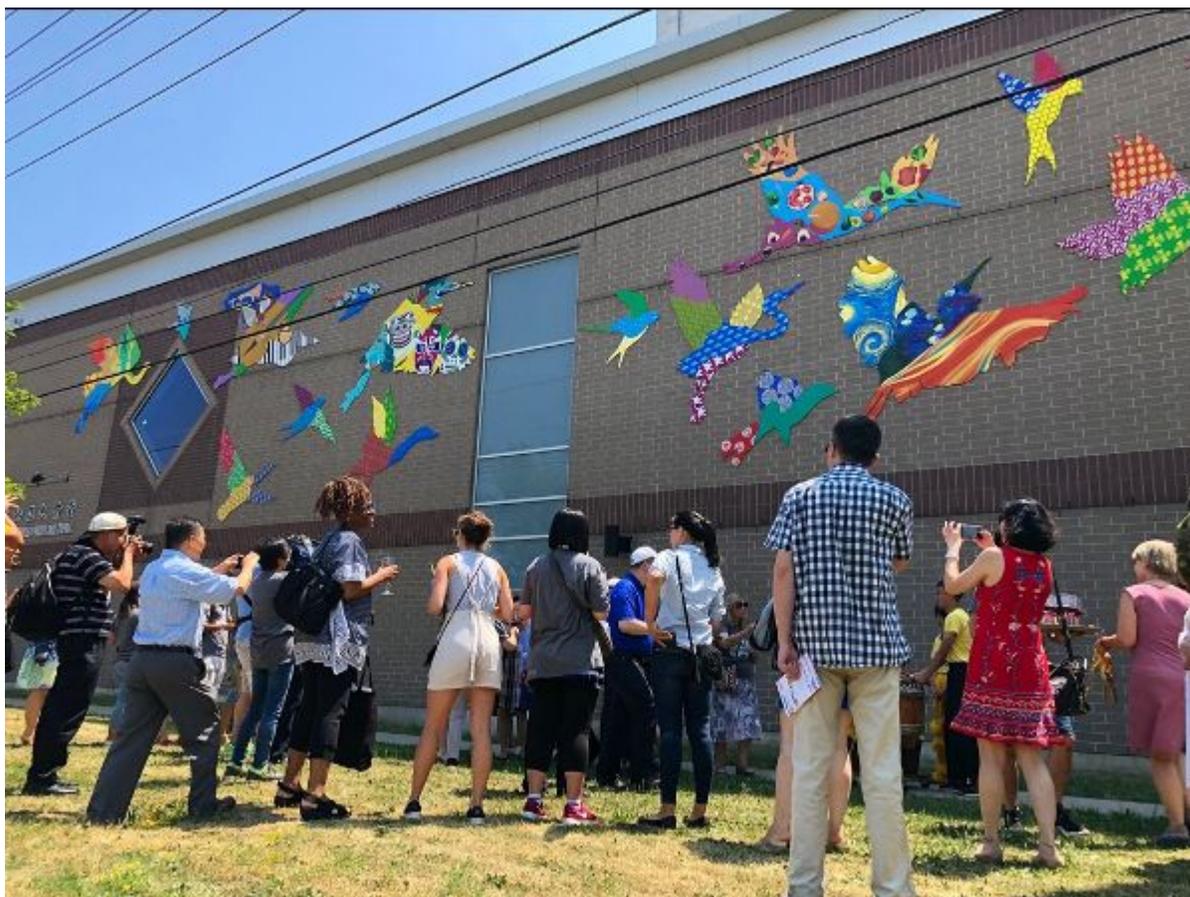
Read our interview with Anya on our website at: muralroutes.ca/member-interviews-anya-mielniczek/

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Member highlights and interviews are intended to promote you as Mural Routes Members and allow you the space to share your practice, career progress and recent projects. Highlights may be featured on our website, newsletter, and various social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Interested in being featured? Fill out the form [here!](#)

Read other interviews with Mural Routes members [here.](#)

BECOME A MEMBER



Not yet a member of Mural Routes? Visit our [Membership Page](#) and [join](#) to gain perks like Membership Highlights, job calls, and more.

"Because of you, I've learned so much and have connected with many others in the mural world." - Mural Routes Member Pam Lostracco

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MAKE A DONATION TO MURAL ROUTES

Now more than ever we depend on the generosity of people like you. Your donation will ensure that we continue to provide the resources, training and mentorship that will help mural artists and communities achieve their creative goals during this difficult time. Please donate now, any amount is appreciated.

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Corporate/Government: \$185

Charitable/non-profit groups: \$75

Students (full-time w/ID): \$25

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Please note, our office is closed until further notice.

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