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Step x Step: Introduction to Mural Arts

In 2012, Mural Routes introduced Step x Step: Introduction to Mural Arts program. The program had three separate components with the overall mission of providing learning and training opportunities for all ages, while improving communities through mural art. The program involved a variety of community participants and instructors with a diverse background in arts and culture.



St. Dunstan's Catholic School Mural

This program ran for eight full school day sessions – as different classes rotated involvement in the mural, every student was given the chance to colour a

school message or value onto a piece. Genuine community effort throughout the process culminated in a beautiful school mural of which all can be proud for many years to come!

Step x Step at Toronto Public Library – Kennedy/Eglinton Branch

The exhibition for Step x Step: Introduction to Mural Art was held from June 26 to July 31, 2012 at the Toronto Public Library - Kennedy/Eglinton branch. The exhibition reception was held on the evening of July 31st with the artists, their family and friends, instructors, Mural Routes staff and Board, Program Advisory Committee and community members.



Graffiti Workshop

On April 28th, Mural Routes in community partnership with Toronto Public Library - Albert Campbell District, presented a one-day graffiti art workshop conducted by local artist Michael Reyes. Fourteen

participants between the ages of 14 to 20 years old enjoyed this great opportunity.

Off the Wall: Leadership Training in Mural Making



Graduate Exhibition

After a successful first year in 2011, *Leadership Training in Mural Making* returned in 2012 to continue to provide training opportunities for youth emerging artists. A big

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congrats to our new class of graduates!

The graduate exhibition of students' mural maquettes and proposals is being shown at the Toronto Public Library – Kennedy/Eglinton branch to September 18, 2012. The closing reception will be held on **Tuesday, September 18th** at 5 pm – all are welcome to show support to our new class of emerging muralists! The graduation will be followed by Mural Routes' **Annual General Meeting**.



Restoration

Participants of our 2012 Leadership Training in Mural Making spent Saturday, July 7th under the supervision of artist Alan Bender restoring one of Birch Cliff Village's historical murals, *H.M Schooner Onondaga, c. 1793*, originally painted by Jeff Jackson in 1992. The mural is located at 2340 Kingston Road, in Toronto's east end.

Summer 2012 and Ongoing Projects



Puzzle Mural at YouthLink

This summer, over a series of seven weeks, Program Director Rob Matejka led a group of summer students alongside youth artists Tara Dorey, Elaine Tequibon and Raymond

Cho to create *Puzzle*, which was installed at YouthLink youth center at 747 Warden Ave., Toronto. The concept of the mural was developed by artist Elaine Teguibon as part of an independent study project for the Leadership Training in Mural Making program 2011.



Birch Tree Community Mural Project

This project was launched as a partnership of the Birch Cliff Residents Group and Mural Routes to improve the strip of Birch Cliff Village along Kingston Rd. between Warden Ave. and Birchmount Rd. The first two murals in the Birch Tree Series were completed this summer by a team of our summer-employed youth artists, under the guidance of Rob Matejka.

We are pleased to announce Sarah Collard as our winning artist for the third mural in the series. Sarah started work on the side wall of Wimpy's Diner at 1496 Kingston Road on September 4th.

