



# URBAN ARTS FUND

## DENVER ARTS & VENUES



In the Spirit of [IMAGINE 2020](#), the Urban Arts Fund (UAF) is a graffiti prevention and youth development program which facilitates the creation of new murals in perpetually vandalized areas throughout the City and County of Denver. The UAF provides access to positive, creative experiences for youth and transforms dilapidated areas into well-tended and active community gathering spaces.



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### PROGRAM TOTALS: 2009 - 2018

- Nearly 300 Murals
- Over 450,000 Sq. Feet of abated walls, now protected of vandalism
- Over 3,000 Youth Participation
- Over 800 Community Participation

### PROGRAM TOTALS FOR 2018

- 25 Projects Approved, which created approx. 60 Murals!
- (4) Engaged Projects:
  - Denver Health in Methadone Clinic
  - Gilliam Detention Center
  - The R.A.W. Project \*Re-Image the Arts Wynwood in Denver
  - Men's Homeless Shelter – 170 & Approx. Colo. Blvd.

In the Spirit of IMAGINE 2020

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Diversity, Equity & Inclusiveness (DEI)

We support the development of this  
important Initiative!



## Re-Imagining the Arts Worldwide (R.A.W. in Denver) 2017

The Raw Project was started in Miami's Wynwood neighborhood in 2014

Focus: To spread creativity and art to schools that needed it the most

Results: Increase in test scores, school pride, decrease in bullying and violence

A Labor of Love



# RAW To Denver-2017

(3) Denver Public Elementary Schools: Fairview, Eagleton & Cowell

(6) Murals, Fairview Elementary School/Sun Valley Neighborhood 2715 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.



Santiago Rubino – Argentinian –born, Miami based artist



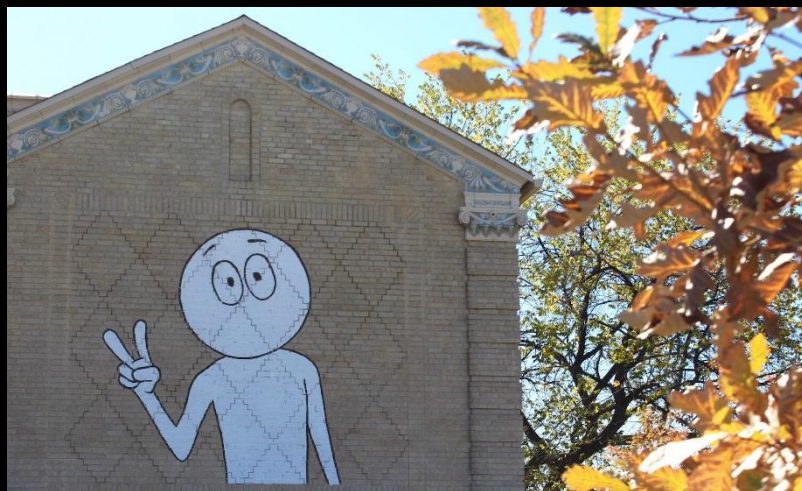
Zed1 – widely know Italian artist Marco Burelli



Chad Hasegawa – born and raised in Hawaii, based San Francisco



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Kai Art- L.A. – based, and a veteran artist for the first RAW Project in Wynwood, FL

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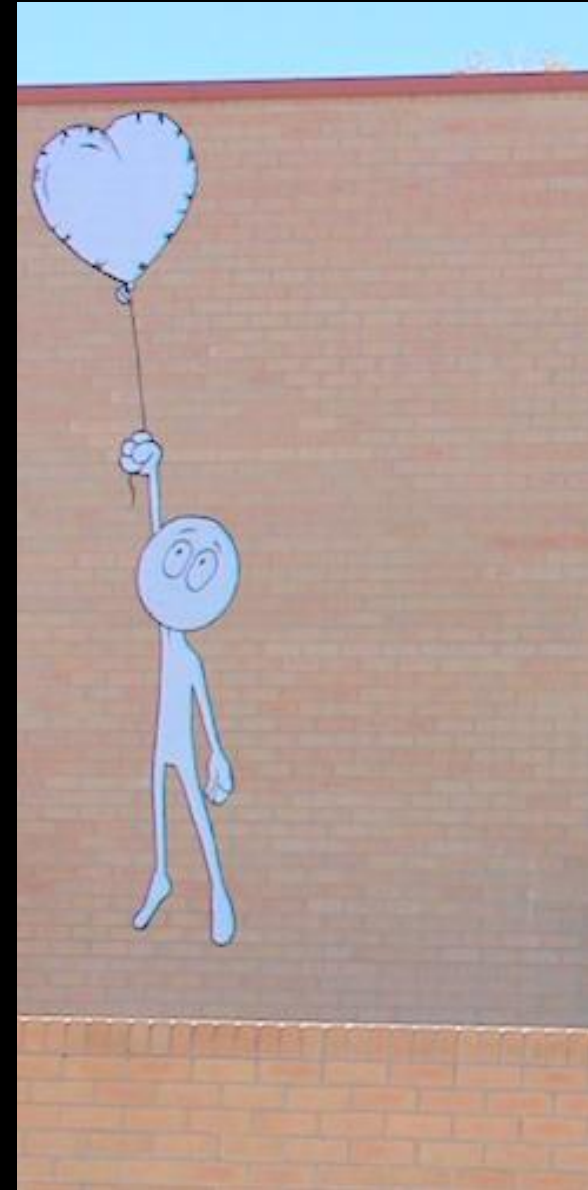
(11) murals, Eagleton Elementary School 880 Hooker St./ Villa Park Neighborhood



Santiago Rubino- Argentinian-born, Miami-based artist



Ahol – drowsy eyes



Kai Art- L.A. – based in Wynwood, FL

Anthony Garcia, Denver based artist

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(11) murals, Eagleton Elementary School 880 Hooker St.  
Villa Park Neighborhood



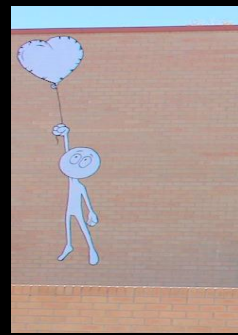
Santiago Rubino- Argentinian-born, Miami-based artist



Mr. June – from the Netherlands



Jazz Guetta- L.A. native



Otto Schade – Chilean-born artist currently based in London



MTO- French artist Mateo

Kevin Ledo- from Montreal, Canada

# RAW To Denver - 2017

(8) murals, Cowell Elementary School 4540 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave./ Villa Park Neighborhood



Zeus- Dean Zeus Colman is a London-based artists in creative urban culture for last 30 years



Luis Berros – South Florida native



Hoxhoh- Douglas hoekzema is a Miami-based artist



Said Kinos – based in Rotterdam, the Netherlands

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Jazz Guetta – L.A. native



Amanda Valdes – Miami native



KeeVer- Dean McKeever is from Massachusetts



Trek6- born and raised in Miami



# RAW To Denver – 2018

Cheltenham Elementary School 1580 Julian St. West Colfax Neighborhood



# Denver Health/Methadone Clinic, Occupational Behavioral Health Services (OBHS)

## Urban Arts Fund Engage Project- 2017 & 2018

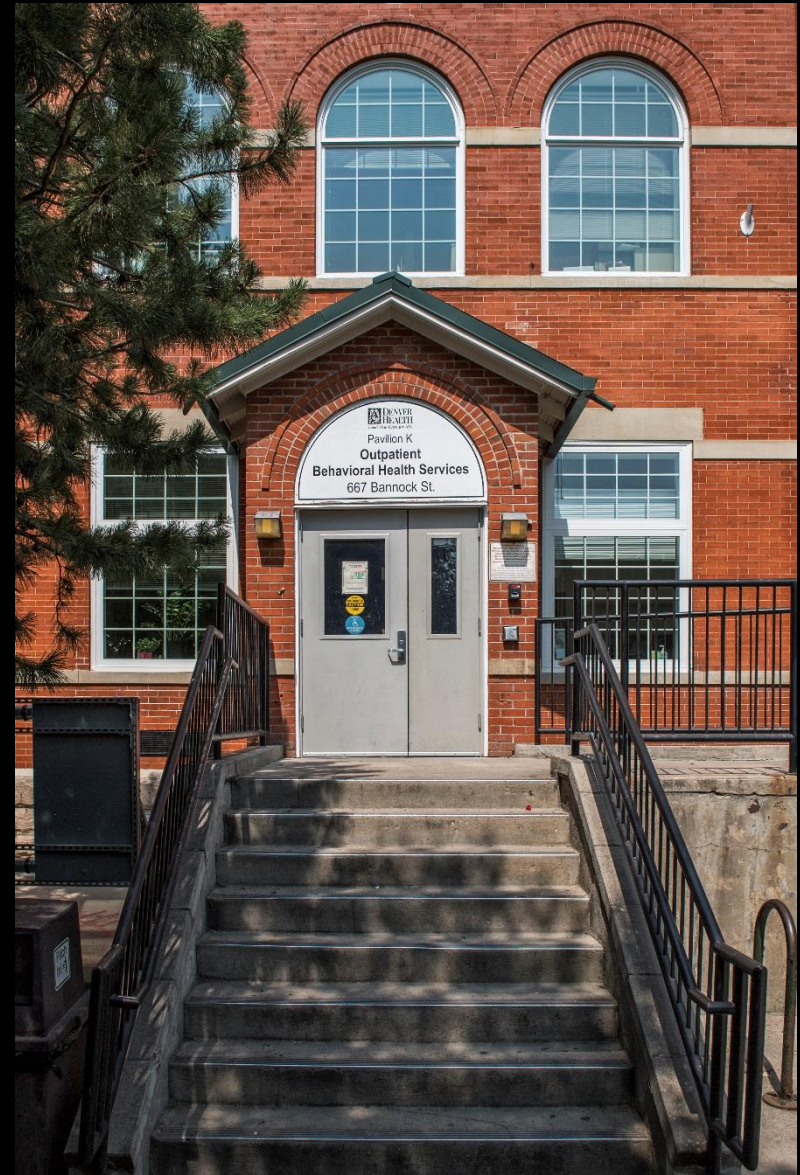
Denver City Council requested an increase of the Urban Arts Fund budget for 2017. We didn't merely want to double the number of murals but rather invest on projects that address DEI values and support the development of the initiative.

## Inspired by City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program/Methadone Clinic Mural Project

Colorado drug related deaths increasing at "epidemic" proportions  
Overdose rates highest in Denver area

## Denver Health/Methadone Clinic

The Opiate Addiction Treatment program at Denver Health provides opioid/narcotic replacement therapy utilizing Methadone and Suboxone for patients meeting specific criteria for admission. Methadone is an FDA-approved medication used to prevent withdrawal symptoms in people who are addicted to opiate drugs such as heroin, morphine, hydrocodone, oxycodone, and fentanyl.



# Denver Health/Methadone Clinic/Occupational Behavioral Health Services (OBHS) 2017 & 2018



Local Artist Frank Garza created (5) Murals  
Polytab Material \*parachute material  
Frank Created & installed 80% of Mural Design  
(4) Workshops with Staff & Patients that produced  
20% of Murals installed and incorporated into murals  
Zero Sun Film  
Lucia De Giovanni, Photojournalist



*“Having Denver ARTs and Venues join us in our everyday gave us connection to the broader community. Connection built familiarity, familiarity led to friendship and with friendship our isolation dissolved. The countless smiles and Frank’s illustrations of empowerment have nurtured our team and patients. Being reminded of this experience while walking through our hallways, linking to blog posts of celebration provide us the courage and hope to continue fighting this epidemic for our community” Lisa Gawenus, Director OBHS*

# Denver Health/Methadone Clinic/Occupational Behavioral Health Services (OBHS) 2017 & 2018



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# Gilliam Youth Services Center with local artist Bimmer Torres – 2017 & 2018

3840 York Street, Denver

Mural Workshops with Youth to include (2) murals in gymnasium



*Correctional Psychology Associates (CPA) has been providing mental health services throughout the criminal justice system since 1998. While we maintain our outpatient headquarters, we provide much of our treatment services at various correctional facilities. We believe taking treatment to the offender, when possible, is the most effective practice because it enhances communication between supervising staff and treatment staff.*

# Cherry Creek Trail Murals

As of 2017 – (23) Murals Installed along trail “*Outdoor Gallery Space*”  
By Local Artists, National & International Artists



Travis & John “Rather Severe” Portland, OR



Michael Gadlin, Colorado “Fine Artist” painter. 1<sup>st</sup> Outdoor Mural of his career



TAVA aka Antoine Tavaglione is a Canadian Pop artist, muralist and illustrator based in Montreal

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Gabriel & Isaac Fortoul, Cuban Brothers resides in New Jersey

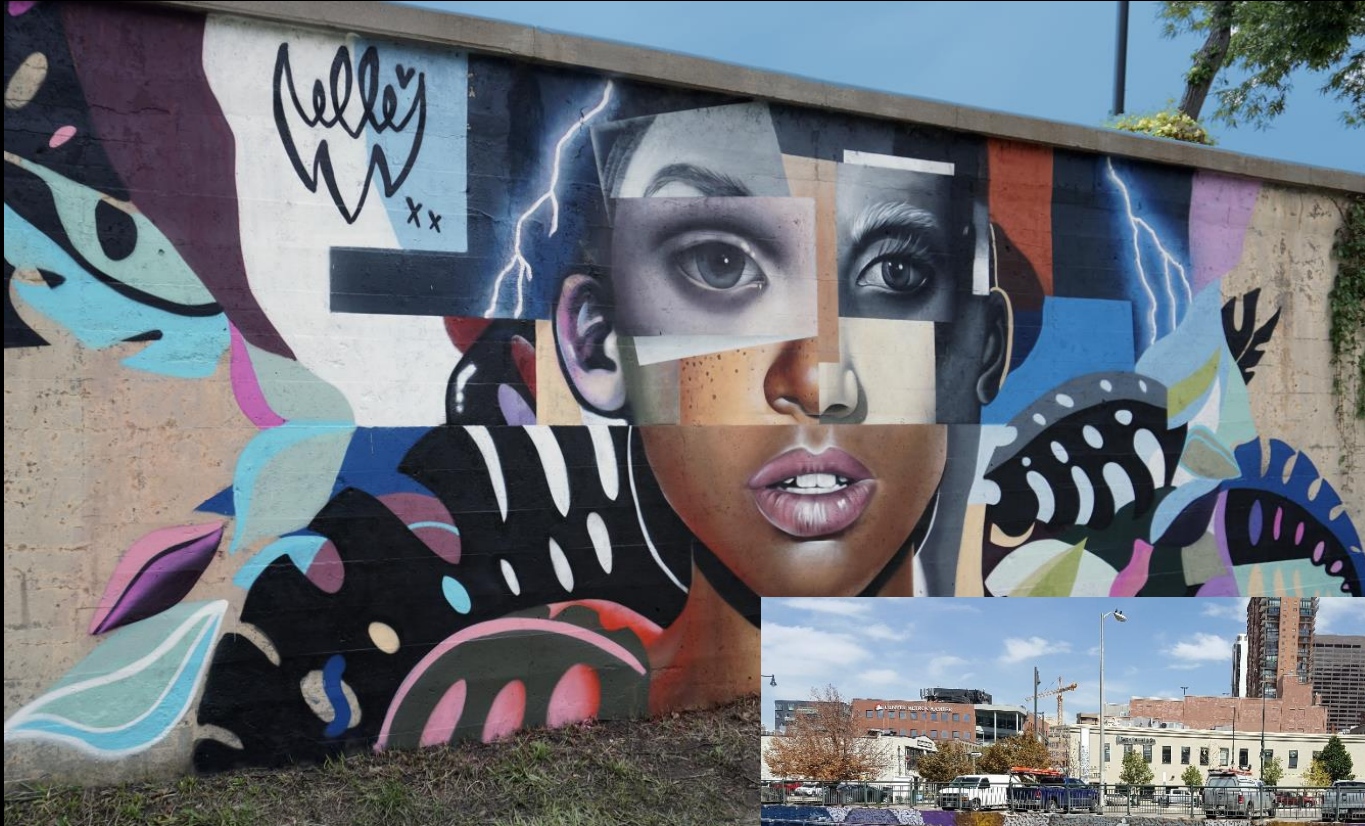


Pablo Lloveras, Argentina Artist. Stayed in Denver for 6 weeks

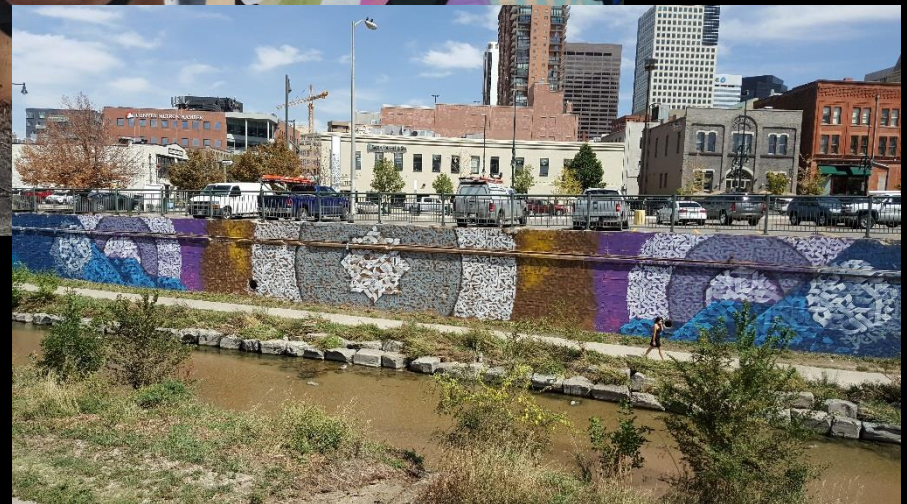


# Cherry Creek Trail Murals - 2018

Added (5) Additional Murals = 28 Total Murals Installed along trail "Outdoor Gallery Space"  
By Local Artists, National & International Artists



ElleStreetArt Brooklyn, NY Female Artist



Ahmad Alwazzan, UCD Exchange Student \*Calligraphy Stylized Mural

