

BLM Mural Brief

Artist Dionne Bonner is leading the [BLM Mural Project Tacoma](#), with support from local artists Kenya Adams, Gwen Jones, Charles Taylor and Breyahna Monet. The mural is being created in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement, and the local Black community informed the design through online surveys and in-person focus groups. This public art piece is the result of a months-long collaborative process between the City of Tacoma's Human Rights Commission and the Tacoma Art Museum, with funding support from the City of Tacoma, the Tacoma Arts Commission and Tacoma Creates.

City painting crews, led by the recently retired Stephen Williams, primed the surface of the steps that will be transformed by the mural.

Mural Painting Window. July 13 – 31, 2022.

Key Dates:

July 13: Painting begins with an all-day kick-off event led by Dionne Bonner.

July 30th Day for community to add hand-prints to the mural.

The Artist crew, led by Dionne Bonner will be painting from 8am – 6pm throughout the second half of July and there are opportunities for volunteers to participate.

Volunteer opportunities:

There will be a volunteer orientation and Q&A session every hour, on the hour, from **8 am-6 pm. *Drop in to learn more, sign up to volunteer for future volunteer shifts, and meet members of the project team.*** There will even be a chance to help with the first layer of painting for a limited number of drop-in volunteers. If you can't stop by the event next Wednesday but want to volunteer, send us a quick email at blmmuralproject@gmail.com.

We are currently looking for volunteers July 16-27:

- **Photographer:** Take photos of the work in action. It is vital that we have consistent documentation of the project. We can't provide a camera, but phone photos are great.
- **Painting Helper:** Assist the project artists in helping mix paint, clean brushes, and set up/clean up on painting days.
- **Information Table:** Pass out flyers and posters, give away items, and answer general questions about the project.

To sign up for volunteer slots now you can sign up

here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A5AE2DA5F8C16-painting>

This project is weather-dependent. To keep an eye on rain delay info, and learn more about the project and ways to support, visit the website: tinyurl.com/BLMMuralTacoma.

Security

Emergency Plan: Developed an on-site emergency plan for the artists that includes key contacts and evacuation plan. Briefed Dionne, Breeze, and Kenya on-site about the- BLM Mural Project Emergency Plan.

Monitoring: Greater Tacoma Convention Center security camera on Tollefson Plaza and 24hour Security aware of painting.

Ongoing updates from the WA State Fusion Center to monitor social media for negative activity against the BLM Mural Project. The WA State Fusion Center works with Federal and Local Law Enforcement Agencies.

Informed Tacoma Police Department, adjacent properties, security in adjacent properties (TAM, UWT, Marriott, Convention Center, Downtown Tacoma Partnership/BIA Security, and the non-emergency police line via ~~Inform~~ South Sound 911.

Hired Veterans Security Operations to have a security guard on site during painting days.

Background

Artwork Design

After extensive community engagement informing the design, artist Dionne Bonner presented her proposal for the Black Lives Matter Mural to the Artist Selection and Design Review Panel on April 26th. The panel approved the design and forwarded the recommendation to the Tacoma Arts Commission on May 9th, 2022. The Tacoma Arts Commission unanimously accepted the design and the mural will be included in the Municipal Art Collection enabling the mural's stewardship and maintenance to be cared for by the City.

ON PPT SLIDE:

Black Lives Matter Mural Community Kickoff is 7/13 and BLM Handprint Day is 7/30

CITY MANAGER TALKING POINTS:

Black Lives Matter Mural

- The Office of Arts and Cultural Vitality is supporting the Human Rights Commission and the Tacoma Art Museum to implement the BLM project.
- City Painter has primed the steps on Tollefson Plaza.
- Artists: Dionne Bonner, Breyahna Monet, Kenya Adams, Gwen Jones, and Chuck Taylor
- Artists will be working with volunteers to implement the mural July 13-31st
- A community kick-off day is planned for 7/13
- A community handprint day is planned for 7/30
- All dates are weather dependent

This is what I sent Raeshawna:

Public Art

The Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality is collaborating with Public Works and the Puyallup Tribal Language Program to stamp concrete sidewalks with Lushootseed phrases and custom design elements, created by local artist Chris Duenas. The project is happening along Fawcett, between 6th Ave and S. 19th, as part of the 1% for Art Program. These stamps are reusable, so they can be used again in future projects. The values include ʕ'ububʕ'ub – Be kind; k^wax^walik^w - Be helpful; ʔabalik^w - Be sharing; and 21 more values provided by the Puyallup Tribal Language Program.