

Mural Advisory Committee Recommendations

Approved by Sangamon County Board on January 11, 2022.

SPRINGFIELD - SANGAMON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION CENTER

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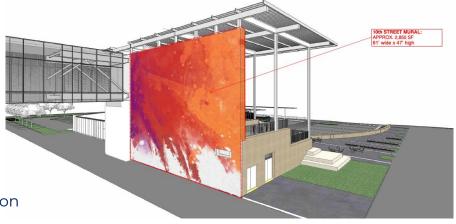
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Toth STREET MURAL: APPROX 2,850 SF 61' wide x 47' high

Mural Advisory Committee

- Committee has been meeting since March 2021, issued RFQ in May for artists to apply for two separate murals (spaces pictured at left).
- Received 49 responses to the RFQ, committee narrowed it to 9.
- Eight submitted concepts, proposals and budgets by Sept. 30, 2021.
- Committee narrowed the pool to two finalists one for each wall.
- Committee notified finalists and worked with them on revisions to their concepts & proposals and presented recommendations to Sangamon County Board.
- County board approved the concepts and budgets on January 11, 2022.

11th Street Mural – Jared Bader



- Freelance Artist, Muralist and Graphic Designer from 2009 to the present.
- Lives in Pennsylvania.
- Experience in large public commissions.
- Medium: Paint on synthetic material called parachute cloth. It will then be installed on the walls. This is a very durable way to create a mural.

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Jared Bader's Past Work





25' X 136' Philadelphia, PA





17' X 64'

New Hope, PA



25′ X 82′

Quakertown, PA



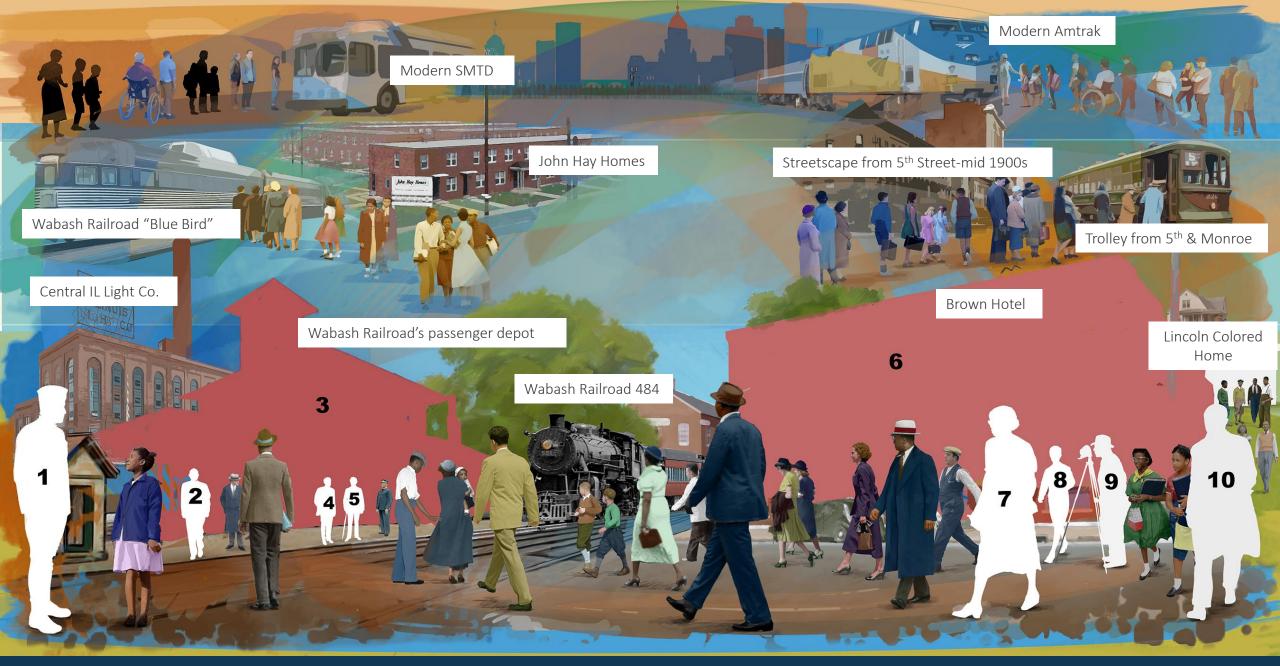
From Jared Bader, artist: There are several goals he wanted to achieve with this mural design.

- Connect the mural to the specific location of the Springfield-Sangamon County Transportation Center.
- 2. Illustrate an idea about public transportation throughout Springfield history that can enable all people to access work and gain upward mobility.
- 3. Address the contributions of the African American community to the city of Springfield.
- 4. Create an overall artistic esthetic of painterly expression through animated brush strokes and a vibrant color scheme.



11th Street Mural concept selection

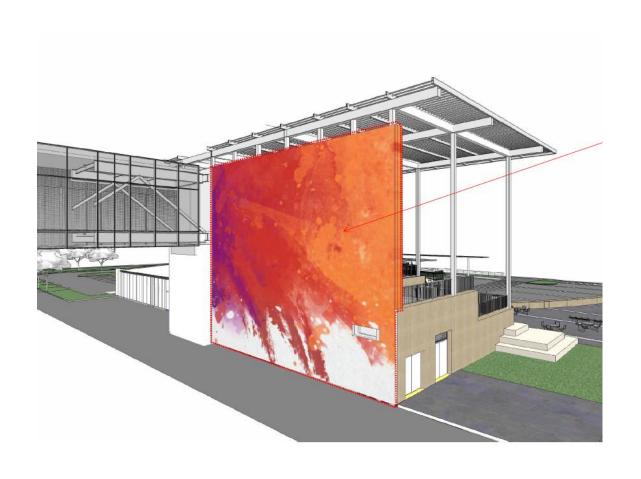
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Historical features in 11th Street Mural

- **1. Lt. Col. Otis Duncan (1873-1937)** He was the highest-ranking Black officer to serve in the American Expeditionary Forces in WWI. He was also the grandson of William Fleurville, Abraham Lincoln's barber and friend. Source: SangamonLink.
- 2. Inman Foster Sr. (1886-1970) He owned and operated a printing press and published the Illinois Chronicle for more than 50 years in three locations including one at 11th and Washington Streets in Springfield. He also teamed up with the Urban League as a founder of the Carver Trade School. Source: SJR article, April 15, 1990
- **3. Wabash Railroad Depot** This train depot was located at 10th and Washington Streets. It was built around 1868, vacated in 1938 and torn down in 1941. Passengers on this train would head east towards Decatur or west towards Jacksonville. Source: Sangamon Valley Collection
- **4. John Bunn (1831-1920)** John and his brother Jacob came to Springfield in the 1840s. They owned J & JW Bunn Grocery Co. John was president of Marine Bank and vice president of the Illinois Watch Company. He was a friend and financial backer of Abraham Lincoln. Nearly every business in town closed for his funeral. Source: SangamonLink.
- **5. Carrol Hall (1905-1995)** He was a co-founder and first president of Springfield-based Horace Mann Insurance Company. He was also a teacher at Springfield High School. He was involved in many civic and historical organizations. <u>Source: SangamonLink</u>
- **6. The Brown Hotel** The Brown Hotel was the original name of a building located at 11th and Adams Streets. For more information about one of its founders, see the A. Morris Williams information below. <u>Source: SangamonLink</u>
- 7. Ruth Ellis (1899-2000) Ruth was an openly lesbian woman at a time when that was almost unheard of. She lived in Springfield for the first 40 years of her life. She graduated from Springfield High School in 1919. Source: SangamonLink
- 8. Elizabeth Brown Ide (1873-1978) She was one of Springfield's most prominent children's advocates during the early 20th century. She was very active in the Home for the Friendless, conducted surveys that led to free wellness checks called "baby stations" and was of the founders of Springfield Mental Health Center. Source: SangamonLink
- 9. Eddie Winfred Helm (1911-1994) He documented African American life as a photographer in Springfield for 50 years. Source: SangamonLink.
- **10. A. Morris Williams (1879-1936)** He helped build the only hotel in Springfield opened to African Americans at the time. He was active in politics, first as a Republican then as a Democrat. He was also involved in real estate. He was noted as one of the first black attorneys in Sangamon County. In 1908, he sued the City of Springfield in interest of the victims of the race riots. Source: SangamonLink
- **11. The Lincoln Colored Home** Eva Carroll Monroe (1868-1950) created and operated the Lincoln Colored Home, the first orphanage for African-American children in Sangamon County, from 1904 until 1933. Source: SangamonLink

10th Street Mural concept – Danielle Mastrion



- Painter and muralist from 2012 to the present.
- Lives in New York.
- Experience in large public commissions in New York and internationally.
- Focuses on connecting communities through art and education.
- Medium: Exterior latex paint and professional quality spray paint.

DANIELLE MASTRION ART - PAINTINGS

Danielle Mastrion's Past Work

Shirley Chisholm State Park

25' X 40'

Brooklyn, NY

2019-2020



World Water Day

15' X 100'

Brooklyn, NY

2017







Ella Fitzgerald

25' X 13.5

Westchester, NY

2020



Mujeres Fuertes

20' X 40'

Puerto Rico

2018

Artist, Danielle Mastrion, submitted a concept that includes local historic buildings, native plants as well as featuring historic icons that are connected to Sangamon County/Illinois. She worked with the committee to include things that were important to Sangamon County and Illinois and will provide a bright, inspirational, educational welcome to visitors arriving on the train. Many of the portraits featured tie back to historic sites in Sangamon County.

Features:

- 1) White Oak
- 2) Native Flowers: Black eyed Susan, Blazing Star, Cone Flower, Bergamot, Butterfly weed
- 3) Wheat
- 4) State bird: Cardinal
- 5) State insect: Butterfly
- 6) Other features: The Amtrak train, State Capitol, Lincoln's Home, Route 66 sign and "1821," the year Sangamon County began.





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Historical figures featured in 10th Street Mural

- 1. Susan Lawrence Dana (1862-1946) Dana was a socialite, activist and philanthropist, commissioned Frank Lloyd Wright to design her showplace home at Fourth Street and Lawrence Avenue. It is now the Dana-Thomas House State Historic Site. She supported women's rights, equality for African Americans (Susan followed in the footsteps of her mother Mary Agnes in supporting Springfield's Lincoln Colored Home), and an advocate of social services and the arts. Source: SangamonLink
- 2. Ida B Wells (1862-1931) Wells was an African American civil rights advocate, journalist and feminist. She considered one of the founders of the NAACP after brutal attacks on the African American Community in Springfield, Illinois in 1908. She attended a conference in 1909 for an organization that would later become the NAACP. <u>Source: National Park Service.</u>
- 3. Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865) Lincoln moved to Springfield in 1837. Lincoln had represented Sangamon County in the General Assembly since 1834 and helped move the capital from Vandalia to Springfield. He met Mary Todd in Springfield and married her in 1842. They lived in three places in Springfield. His family's home at Eighth & Jackson Streets is a national historic site. Source: National Park Service website. There are many historic sites dedicated to Lincoln in the Springfield area including the Old State Capitol, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, Lincoln Tomb, Lincoln Home, Lincoln's New Salem, Lincoln Depot, Lincoln Family Pew, Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices & Edwards Place. Source: Spfld. Convention & Visitor's Bureau.
- 4. Barack Obama (1961-) Obama served at the state capitol as a state senator from 1997 to 2004 in Springfield. He also visited Springfield several times when he was a U.S. Senator from 2005 to 2009. He also made two of the biggest announcements of his presidential candidacy in Springfield. First, he formally announced he was running for president at the Old State Capitol on Feb. 10, 2007. He announced his selection of Joe Biden as his running mate on August 23, 2008. Source: SangamonLink
- 5. Eva Carroll Monroe (1868-1950) Monroe created and operated the Lincoln Colored Home, the first orphanage for African American children in Sangamon County from 1904 to 1933. She took in children and elderly women. She worked with Mary Lawrence (Susan Lawrence Dana's mother) to build the home. Source: Sangamon Link
- 6. **Dr. Edwin Lee (1914-1993)** Lee was army veteran and moved to Springfield in 1949 where he was in private practice as a family doctor and surgeon. He came by accident, there was only one other black doctor in Springfield. By 1960, he had built the Lee Medical Building which housed several other doctors as well. For the first time in many years, there was a place on the east side of the town for people to come for medical care. He was also the founder of the Springfield Chapter of Frontiers International. Source: Spfld. & Central IL African American History Museum video with his daughter, Edith Lee Harris and SJR, August 9. 1993.

These murals are scheduled to be installed at the new Springfield-Sangamon County Transportation Hub in Fall 2022



