

Artpark mural will come together over course of summer

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ments. And those movements, then Rob and I are drawing during those Zoom meetings, and coming up with gestures and shapes and forms," Sagurney said. "Those forms will end up in the designs and in this mural, as well."

Q: So, is the plan to sort of segment it off and work on it throughout the course of the summer?

"Starting late June and ending at the end of August," Sagurney said. "And yeah, we'll section off different parts of it."

"Little sections will be coned off," Lynch said. "So, the lot will still be open, of course."

"Physically, it's gonna be super-demanding, but we're gonna just keep on plugging away at it," he said.

Artpark & Company recently added a drive-in movie series, which will present a challenge to the Solo Roths. Clark said, "I think we can manage. ... As we do in the arts, we'll always figure it out."

"And those things, actually, they oftentimes generate new ideas; and those guys in particular, they are incredible – because they play off of each other. Watching them work is like jazz. The essence of what they do is working together. And they have this unspoken dialogue ... they don't know what's coming next. So, for them, it is a pure improvisation. But at the same time, we also know what their background is and what they're known for."

Q: I know it's art and every artist is different. Do you want the audience to walk away with something in particular in mind, or to just come in and find their own inspiration and take their own meaning from it?

"To me that's always the way it is; yeah. I never want to be hit over the head with, 'Here's what it means! What, don't you get it?' You know?" Lynch said. "I think it's up to the viewer to decide what they like or don't like about it – and I'm sure we'll be told (laughs). I'm sure all summer long we're gonna hear. The joke is always, like, 'What is that supposed to be?' What are you guys doing?' Kind of like the accusing tone comes out sometimes. We welcome (feedback)."

"We provide them with shapes and information, and then they put in their own experiences to it – and they determine what the artwork is all about," Sagurney added.

"That's the way it goes," Lynch said.

Q: When you do something like this, do you hope that it changes something in society? Do you hope it makes something better in society? And as much as you want people to draw their own conclusions, do you hope that something – ultimately/cumulatively – comes out of this?

"Well, it's always good to be around arts and culture," Lynch said. "It's good for any community. I don't have the ultimate lofty goal of improving the world with our paintings, but I think that just by being around it, it's a positive experience – especially for kids that are growing up, you know, with that sense of wonder; and you can see something and be like, 'Whoa, this is amazing!' ... I want it to have a



Rob Lynch and Matt Sagurney (aka The Solo Roths) are working on a new Artpark parking lot mural.

little bit of surprise."

"All of our work, hopefully, has a fun element," Sagurney said. "We're really hopeful that this – especially here at Artpark, with the history of Artpark – that we are able to add to the whole history and the heritage of Artpark; and all of the work that's been done here in the past; and add something for it towards the future for people to interact with and relate to."

"Although it will be temporary, like so many of the Artpark projects

were in the past," Lynch noted.

Q: The "Artpark Bridges" program, the people who participate in that, they've been on stage, they did an art installation. How is that collaboration going?

"It's going strong," Clark said. "We have a new director for 'Artpark Bridges,' officially. Her name is Cynthia Pegado, who was working with us last year. She came to Artpark with her own ideas and she just proved to be part of the family immediately. She did the

'Sound Garden' with the gongs, and then she became one of the teaching artists for 'Artpark Bridges.' Now she's a full-time director for 'Artpark Bridges.'

"And this year, things of course are different. So, what we've been able to do is establish sessions, for now, online. So, there are Zoom meetings with a number of different teaching artists. There's also Native American artists that are working specifically on voices from the Native American community. They have movement classes; they have music classes. Right now, it's all happening via Zoom. But the main focus really is going to be this project – specifically this mural; it's where all those are going to come together."

But the program is on. There's several workshops every week, and we have new relationships, both with teaching artists and with new groups added into the fold. I'm very excited about it.

Q: Are those groups going to be able to participate in any of the painting or did they just give input?

"We're really hoping they can; that is the plan," Clark said. "As soon as that is possible. There was just a discussion literally yesterday about that. They are eager to come out as soon as they can."

"Right now, it's still very possible for their voices to be expressed very strongly, because they're communicating their actu-

al visual images to the artists, as well, via Zoom and via submitting their designs, email, etc. They actually will be working with very specific visual images and design. They're using their movement for their own inspiration, but People Inc. and Empower and others are contributing their own ideas."

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