



OBERLIN COMMUNITY MURAL PROJECT

We Are Oberlin - 2021

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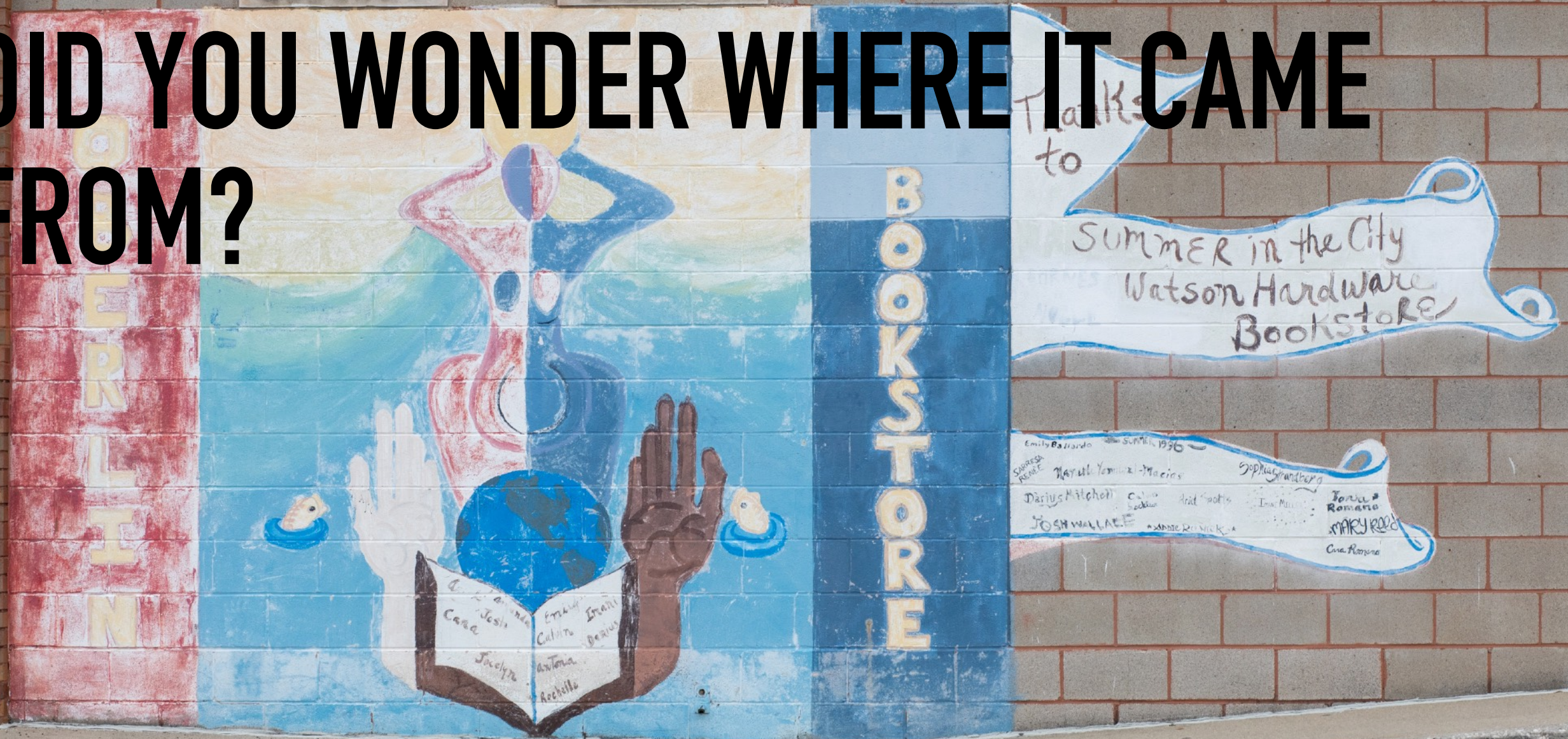
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HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED THIS MURAL?

DID YOU WONDER WHERE IT CAME FROM?



SOME HISTORY

REV. BRENDA GRIER- MILLER

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Founder - Summer in the City
and OHS parent



SUMMER IN THE CITY

- Founded by Brenda Grier-Miller in 1994 and operated through the Oberlin Recreation Department, Summer in the City ran for 5 years, bringing local artists to work with middle school students for a July camp. It started out as just a one-week program and grew over the years to a full month of programming.
- Students got hands-on training in quilting, cartooning, mural painting, wood carving, photography, pottery, video production, weaving, sign language, African dance and many other fields of artistic expression and community service.



This mural was painted in the Summer of 1996 by the Mural Painting Class of Summer in the City. The design was a collective effort and the mural was supported by The Co-op Bookstore's commitment toward cultural activism.

Nanette Yannuzzi Macias, Oberlin College Art professor directed the mural class. Imani Miller, OHS class of 1998 was her assistant. The design centered on harmony, unity, happiness, peace and love.

The mural is in bad shape - it is 25 years old! I got the idea to give a chance to a new generation to design and paint a new mural, and Imani asked that we honor the previous design within the new design.

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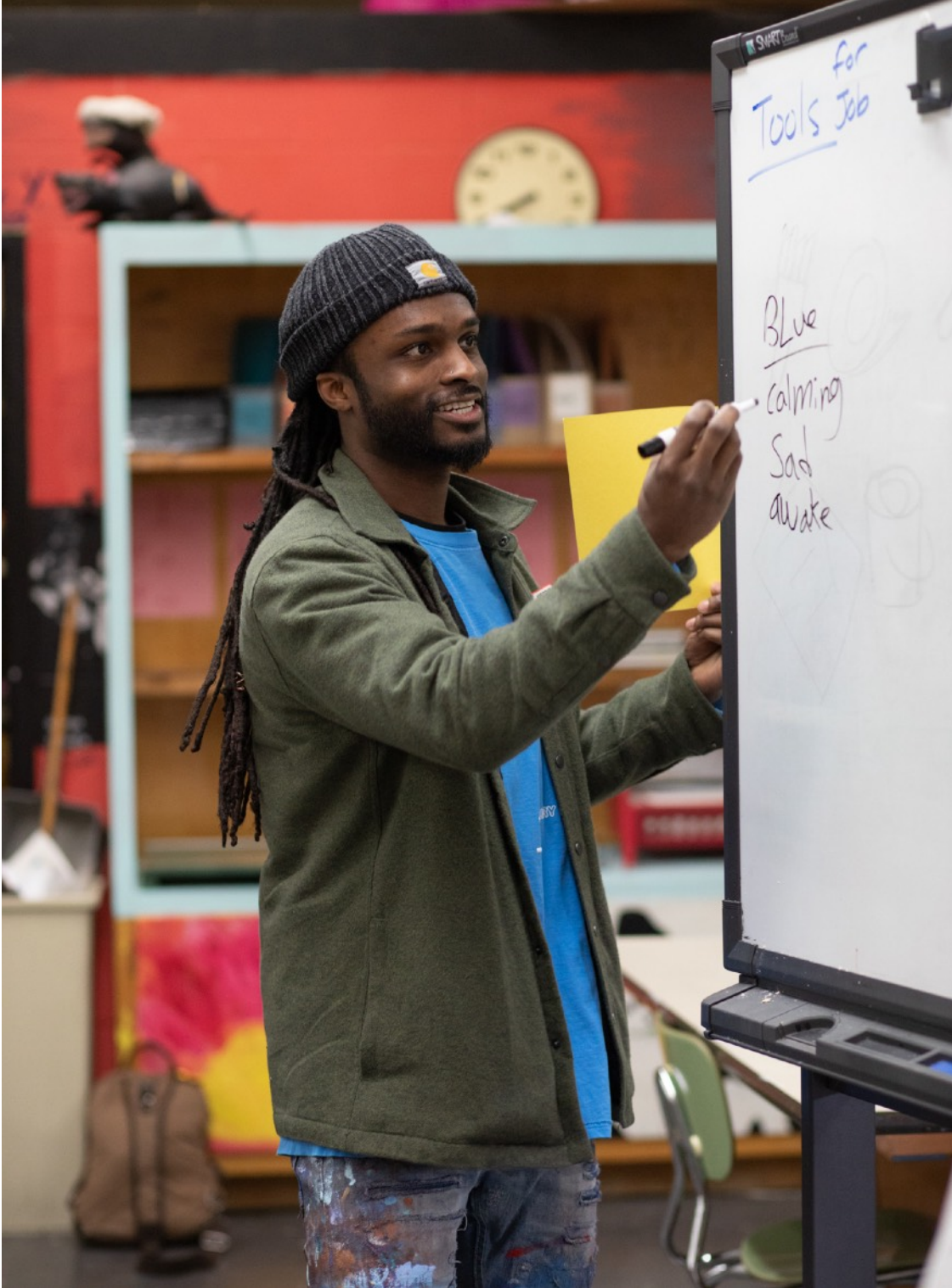
- Public art enhances any community by highlighting what makes that community special and unique!
- This mural will bring our community together through a shared project - starting with the students of Oberlin High School.
- In February 2020, we presented a school-wide assembly at Oberlin High School. The students and staff were introduced to three local mural artists and we asked the students to come up with ideas for what makes Oberlin special. We also conducted a two-day workshop in all the art classes. Art students were taught about the basics of painting and got hands-on time painting on the walls of the art room.

- The mural artists took student submissions and combined those with the responses from the student assembly to create mural designs for the wall.
- Community members will vote on these designs in the Oberlin Public Library and by an email survey sent out to the local schools, church and community groups and local facebook groups
- Votes will be tallied and the chosen mural design will be installed by our mural artists this summer. We will invite the entire community to help “paint by numbers” on the lower sections of the wall.
- We will invite the students who painted the original mural back to participate as well.
- We hope that this mural is just the beginning of more public art projects in Oberlin.

MURAL ARTS WORKSHOP FEBRUARY 2020



Isaiah Williams



Jared Mitchell

Martha Ferrazza













WHAT MAKES OBERLIN SPECIAL?



MURAL DESIGNS

Design 1



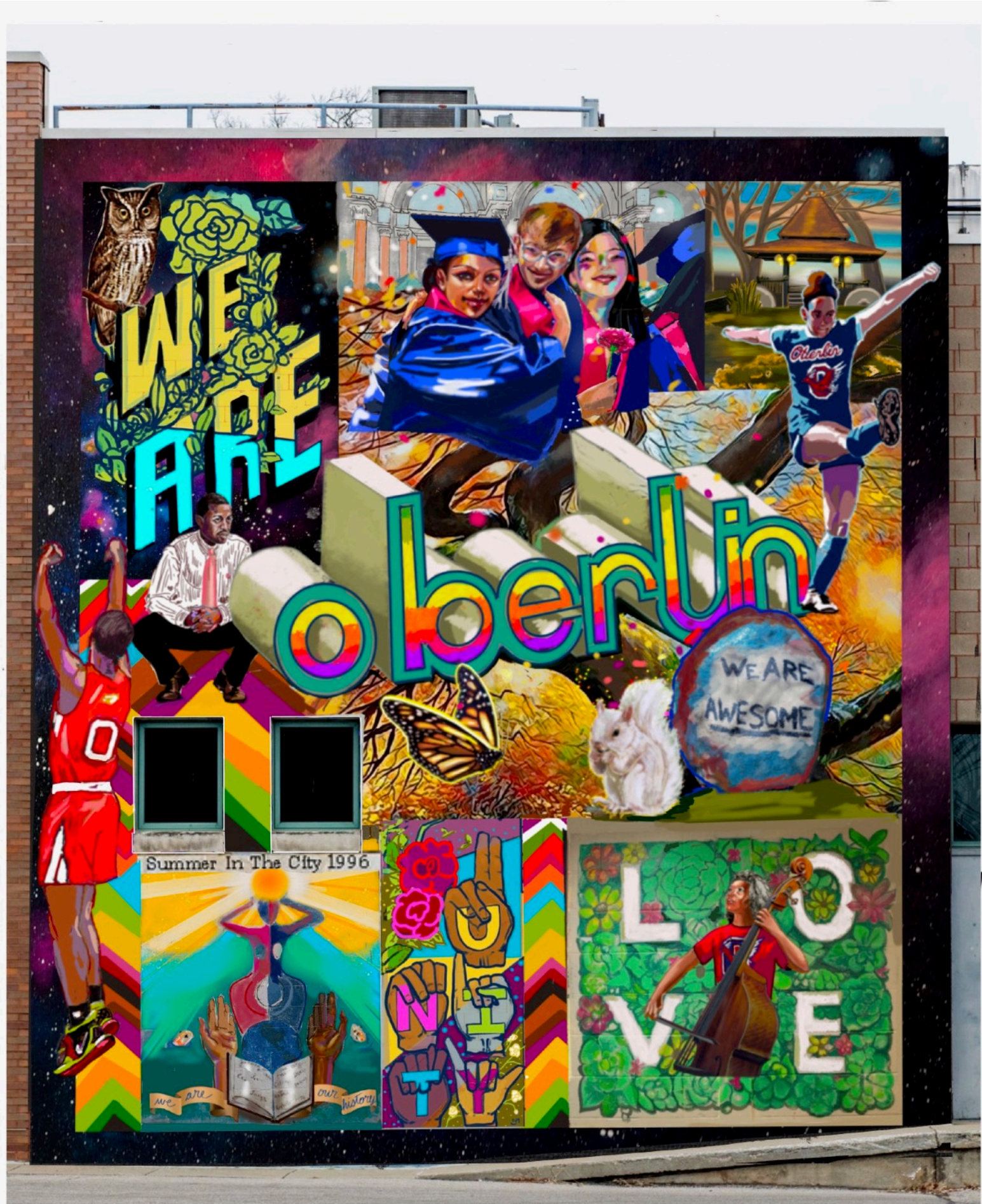
Design 2



Design 3



Design 4



Thank you for your consideration.

Tanya Rosen-Jones

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