

# New mural celebrates then, now

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And now for those other elections results.

The design for the Mural Arts Program's first City-Wide Mural Project has been selected. The mural-to-be will consist of seven panels portraying Philadelphia from its colonial and industrial past to its contemporary life of neighborhoods and social activism.

It was created by Team One, aka artists Eric Okdeh, Michelle

Ortiz and Kien Nguyen.

More than 4,500 ballots were cast for the "This We Believe" mural project, a spokeswoman said yesterday. The project, part of the Mural Arts Program's 25th anniversary celebration, was sponsored by the *Daily News*, WHYY and others and aimed to create a mural that portrayed Philadelphians' core values.

Voting took place online via several Web sites, including Philly.com. Team One's design won by a margin of 65 percent to 35 percent, a Mural Arts spokeswoman said.

The mural will be painted on

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more than 2,500 square feet of cloth and will be temporarily installed in 30th Street Station before being moved to the Gallery at Market East.

"I did love both designs, and I was really heartened to hear how many people voted," Mural Arts' director Jane Golden said yesterday.

"At a time when there are so many problems in the world, to have a project like this is significant because it captured our imagination."

Michelle Ortiz, who grew up in South Philadelphia, said winning was "really exciting." The project involved two months of community meetings and helped "tear down the barriers" between artists and the community, Ortiz said.

Golden said she looks forward to the next phase — the community "paint days" in June and July — where residents will help paint the mural.

Go to [www.muralarts.org/this-we-believe](http://www.muralarts.org/this-we-believe) or call 215-685-0729 to see the winning design and learn how to participate. ★



**Team One, which created the winning design, said the goal was to capture Philadelphia at every stage, from colonial to modern times.**

