



City of Naperville
Special Events and Community Arts
Application

Applicant Information

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Artist/Group Information (If Different from Applicant)

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Group: N/A

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Project Information

Project Title: "Cultural Identity"

Location **Corner of Washington Ave and E Chicago Ave (Barnes and Noble)**

Description of Project: Our proposed window mural (acrylic), inspired by the rich biodiversity of Latin America, will feature native plants, animals, and traditional motifs. It will highlight the cultural heritage and environmental themes of the region. This mural aims to celebrate the Latino community roots and heritage and allow non-Latinos to experience this vibrant culture. By adding a colorful and diverse element to the City of Naperville, it will attract more visitors and enhance the city's cultural appeal.
Scope/Dimensions of Project: 2 windows (11x7) + 2 windows (9x7) (fill in art)

Proposed installation date: July 5th, 2024

Funding Amount Requested: \$5,000.00

Anticipated Maintenance Costs: N/A

Prepayment of Funds Requested Yes No

Estimated Total Budget: \$5,000.00

Attach a draft of proposed project: **Please see attached**

Attach sample(s) of past work: **Please attached**

Performance Art - Upload links to video(s) of past performances: _N/A_

**** Use a separate piece of paper for any additional details needed for this project. ****


Signature of Applicant

06/17/2024
Date

OR

Signature of Artist/Group Representative

Date

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Date Pre-Application Received: _____ Date of Follow-up Discussion: _____

Date Full Application Sent: _____ Community Services Staff: _____

Community Services Department
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Revised: March 2024

PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION:
GIOVANNI ARELLANO'S WINDOW MURAL
LOCATION: CORNER OF WASHINGTON AND EAST CHICAGO AVE,
NAPERVILLE
(ACRYLIC)



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About Giovanni Arellano



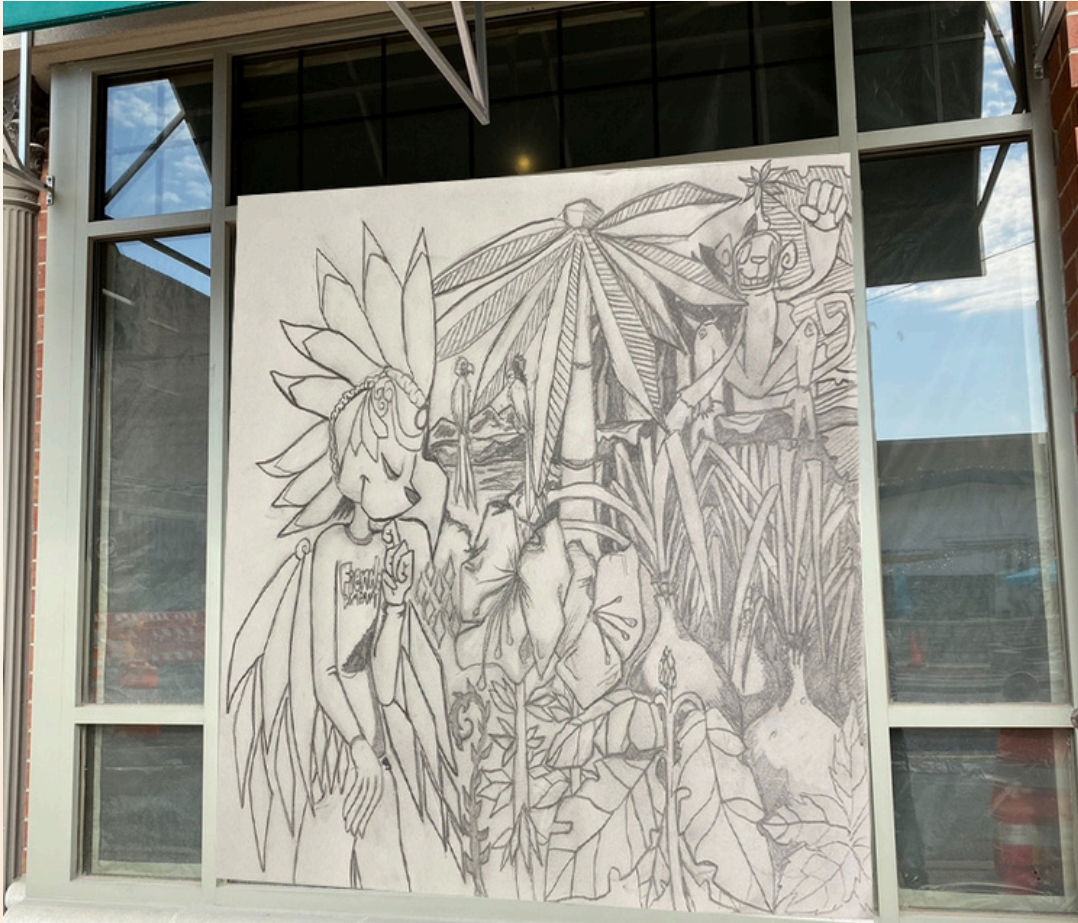
Giovanni Arellano, known as Fiendsco, is a talented Mexican American artist whose passion for drawing was ignited by his father's teachings at the age of 5. With creative outlets including spray-painting and screen printing, Giovanni has left his mark on various projects. In 2022, he collaborated with the Mexican Cultural Center DuPage at Cantigny for the Alebrijes project and painted windows for the "Year of the Alebrijes" event in West Chicago. The following year, he created the Alebrijes x Warhol community art installation and crafted a chair representing District 25 for the "Seat at the Table" project. Through Fiendsco, Giovanni continues to thrive as an artist and designer.

About the project

Gio's window art at the corner of Washington and East Chicago Ave in Naperville is deeply inspired by the rich flora, fauna, and biodiversity of Latin America. His sketches vibrantly celebrate the natural world, showcasing the intricate ecosystems of the region. Key inspirations include Latin American flora and fauna, cultural heritage, and environmental themes. The artwork features native plants and animals, highlighting the region's ecological richness, while traditional motifs and indigenous figures honor Gio's cultural roots. His focus on biodiversity underscores the importance of conservation, visually advocating for environmental awareness and sustainability. Gio will utilize bold colors to capture the energy and vibrancy of the Latin American environment, the art symbolizes the lively spirit of the region's natural world. A central piece depicting a figure holding the Earth surrounded by greenery emphasizes the importance of nature, celebrating Latin American biodiversity and cultural heritage while promoting the preservation of the natural world. The estimated length of this project from start to finish would be 3 weeks. ✦



Window #1 facing Washington Ave



Window #2



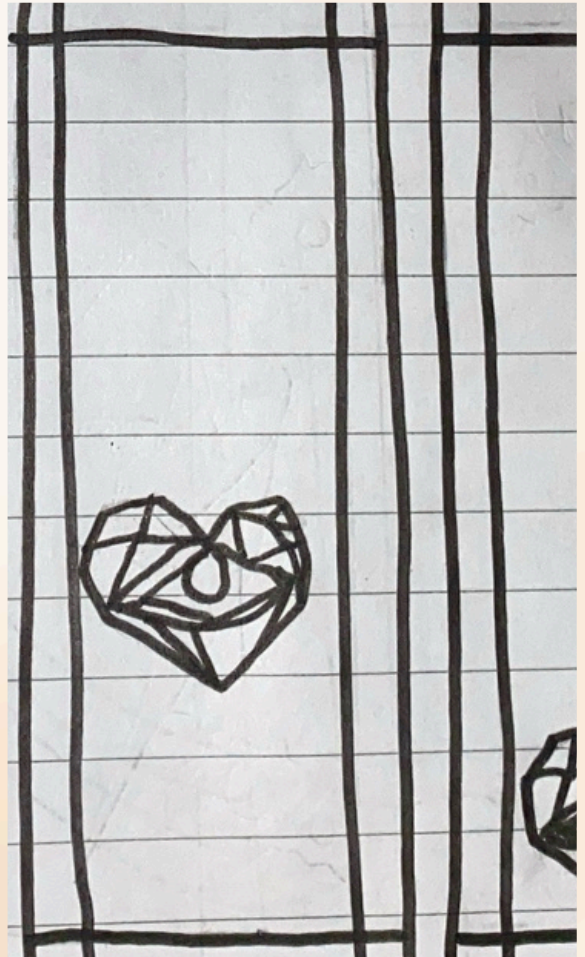
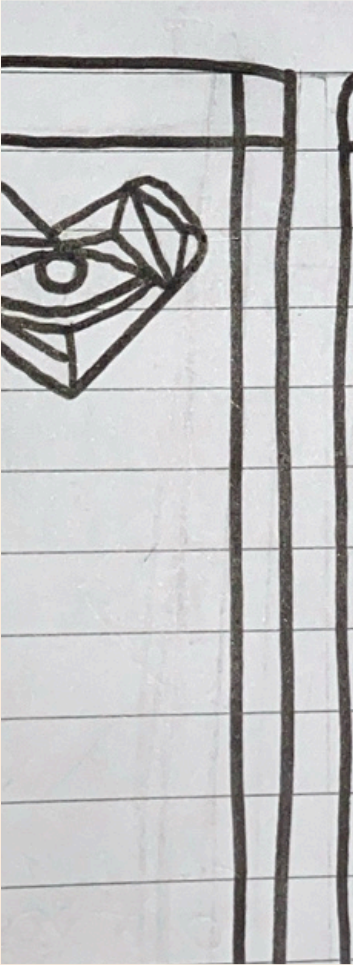
Window #3 Facing E Chicago Ave



Window #4 Facing E Chicago Ave



Fill in Design



Overall View



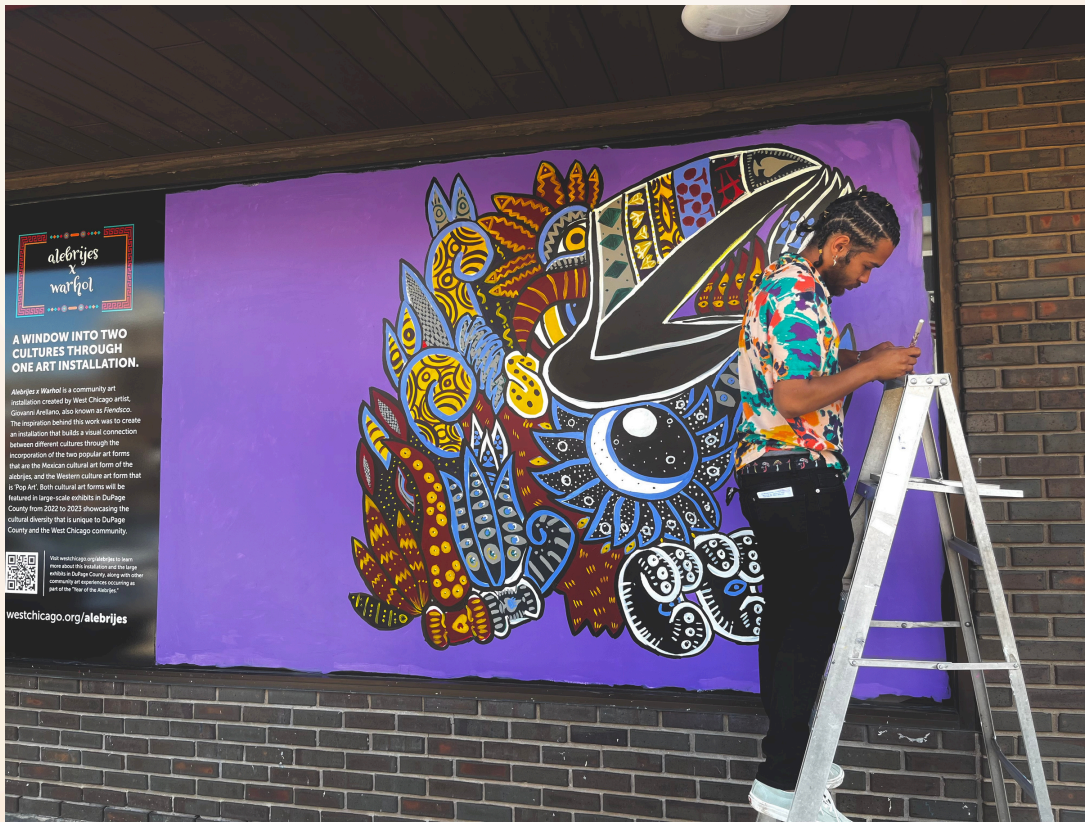
GIOVANNI ARELLANO'S PAST WORK



In 2022, he collaborated with the Mexican Cultural Center DuPage and the City of West Chicago at Cantigny for the Alebrijes project.

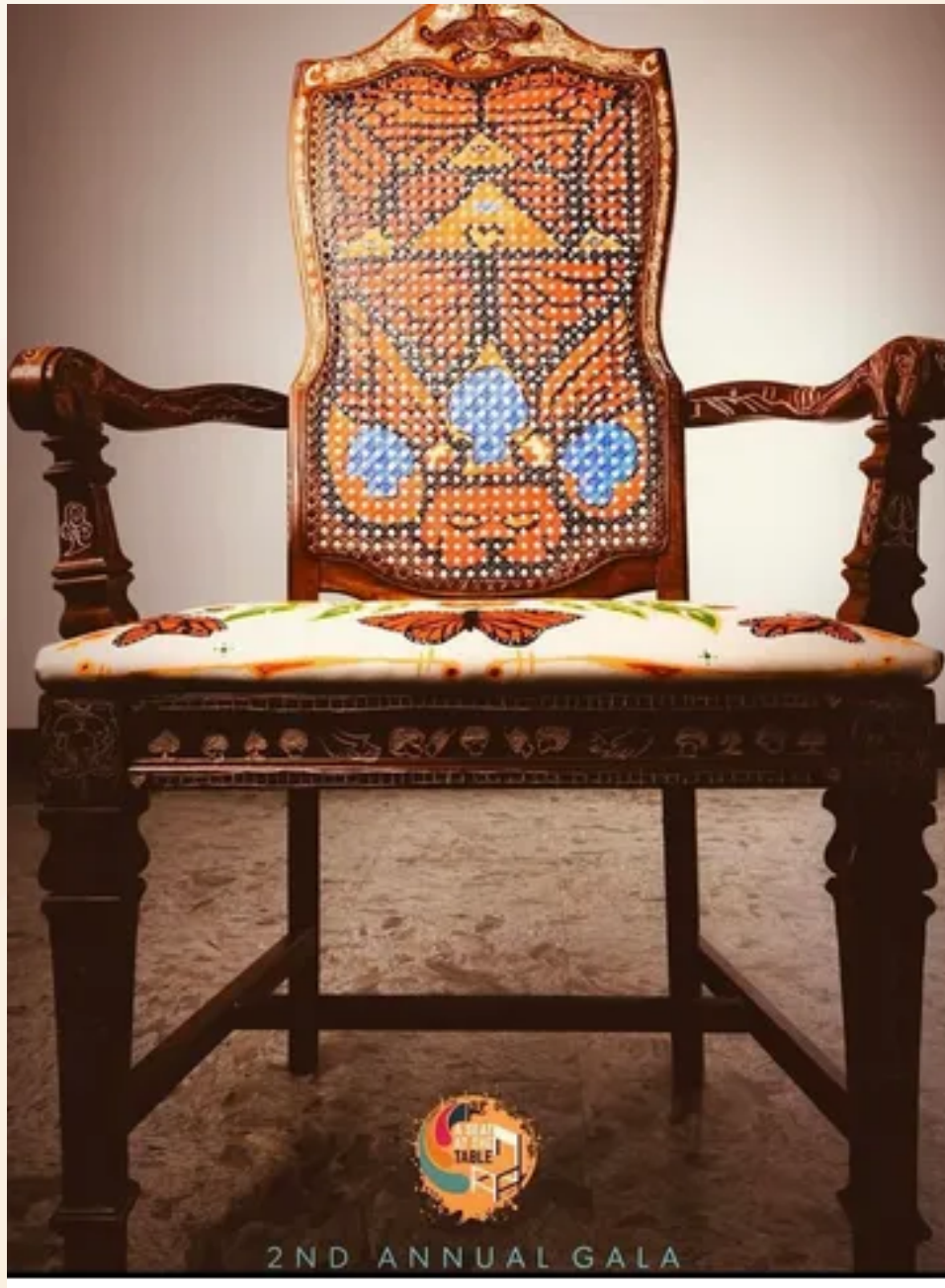
<https://cantigny.org/alebrijes-creatures-of-a-dream-world/>

Window Mural



In 2023, he painted a windows mural for the “Alebrijes X Warhol” A window into two cultures through one art installation. West Chicago.

Chair Gala Project



Arellano, crafted a chair representing District 25 for the “Seat at the Table” project.
