



# DoWhatWeLove.com Portfolio

Shane Pilster & Max 'GEMS' Gonzales

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**DIMENSIONS**

156'x20'

**MEDIUM**

Spray Paint

**YEAR**

August 2023

**BUDGET**

\$46,500

This lively and colorful 156'x20' mural is much more than its scale and excitement. Painted by Shane Pilster and Max Gonzales, this mural holds many references to The Steel Valley's present and past. From the energetic colors and stars coming from Betty Davis, to the explosive pouring of steel; this scene depicts our community's history as an industry town and a music and technology hub. As Homestead continues to grow and change, it will always hold praise and value to its origins. Artists Max and Shane also hold this historical knowledge close to heart as part of Rivers of Steel's Graffiti Arts Program at the Carrie Furnaces.

Partners: M&J Wilkow



# Steel Valley: Past to Present

The Waterfront Mall (Pittsburgh, PA)



<b>DIMENSIONS</b> ~25'x45"	<b>YEAR</b> July 2022
<b>MEDIUM</b> Spray Paint	<b>BUDGET</b> \$19,500

We were awarded a project in late 2021 to paint a huge mural that would highlight the history, culture, and future of the Uptown district. All of the components that tell the neighborhood's tale are framed by the typography. The mural's connection to Duquesne Light, the building on which it was painted, the neighborhood's history, a map of the area, homes, trees, and an overhead view of the neighborhood into the city are all visualized from top to bottom. The mural also looks toward the future, showing the rapid bus transit system and the locals living there. We painted the whole mural without a projector and with just spray paint in just over a week thanks to a boom lift.

Partners: Uptown Partners



# This is Uptown

Uptown (The Bluff) Pittsburgh, PA





**DIMENSIONS**

~40'x35'

**YEAR**

June 2022

**MEDIUM**

Spray Paint &amp; Enamel Paint

**BUDGET**

\$15,000

One of the few LGBTQ+-friendly medical clinics in the city features a mural celebrating inclusivity. Patients from various backgrounds in the surrounding region may receive care from the non-profit for a nominal fee or for free. Pittsburgh's sports stadiums are just a few blocks away from this location, with upwards of thousands of passerby on game days. Jerome Charles, one of our collaborators, painted all the letters by hand while the rest of the mural was done entirely in spray paint.

Partners: Central Outreach Wellness Center



# All Are Welcome

North Shore (Pittsburgh, PA)









**DIMENSIONS**  
53'x28'

**MEDIUM**  
Spray Paint

**YEAR**  
June 2022

**BUDGET**  
\$7,500

"Max was one of four BIPOC immigrant artists awarded a \$2,500 grant distributed through Society to Preserve the Millvale Murals of Maxo Vanka, money received through the Opportunity Fund. A condition of that grant was to provide contemporary takes on the themes of Mr. Vanko's murals: justice, injustice, immigrant experience and motherhood. And recipients had to collaborate with the community. Working with VaultArt checked both of those boxes. He chose not to pay himself, and instead, he divided the \$2,500 among eight VaultArt artists who would contribute most to the project. Then, artistic organization Hemispheric Conversations: Urban Art Project matched that \$2,500, which Mr. Gonzales used to pay five community artists willing to teach mural and graffiti workshops at Vault and participate in the mural and The Pittsburgh Foundation offered another \$2,500, which finally allowed Mr. Gonzales to earn some money for his work."  
-Abby Mackey, Post-Gazette

Partners: VaultArt Studio, Maxo Vanka Murals, and HCUAP



# “Good morning, Penn Avenue. How are you?”

## Vault Art Studio in Garfield (Pittsburgh, PA)



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