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Westerville Launches Citywide Mural Experience for America250

WESTERVILLE, OH — Installation is underway for the **America250 Westerville Mural Project**, a citywide public art initiative that will bring 12 murals to locations across Westerville this summer.

Designed to honor and reflect on under-told local history, the project highlights stories that have shaped the community—past and present—through a series of **large-scale vinyl murals** installed throughout the city.

This collaborative initiative is led by the [City of Westerville](#), [Visit Westerville](#), [Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce](#), [Otterbein University](#), [Westerville Historical Society](#), and the [Westerville Public Library & Westerville History Museum](#). Together, these partners have worked to identify meaningful themes, locations, and stories that bring this project to life.

Eight diverse, Ohio-based artists were commissioned for the project, each bringing a distinct creative voice and perspective to interpreting these stories through public art.

All murals are being created on vinyl at [The Maker Space](#) inside [The Point at Otterbein University](#), reinforcing the project's connection to local innovation, creativity, and community. Once installed, the murals are expected to remain in place for approximately two years.

Digital Mural Trail & Visitor Experience

Participants will be able to check in at mural locations, follow the trail citywide, and engage with the project through an interactive experience designed to drive exploration and discovery. The trail will **launch June 26** and run through **December 31, 2026**.

Mural Artists, Themes & Locations

The 12 murals will be installed across key locations throughout Westerville, each tied to a specific story and place:

Artists & Themes:

Artist: Carly Mitchell | cemitchelldesign.com

Mural Theme: Westerville Good Citizens



Artist: Dexter Komakaru | dxtrose.com

Mural Theme: The Muscogee Nation

Artist: Jackie Jeromin | jackiejeromin.com

Mural Theme: Games & Entertainment

Artist: Jill Chronister | [instagram.com/jillcartist](https://www.instagram.com/jillcartist)

Mural Theme(s): Festivals & Fairgrounds | Westerville's Wetlands

Artist: Linda Shepard | shepardartstudio.com

Mural Theme: Transportation (State Route 3)

Artist: Steve Olszewski | stephenolszewski.com

Mural Theme: Westerville's First Park (City in a Park)

Artist: Yao Cheng | yaochengdesign.com

Mural Theme(s): Amalthea & Central College Area | Agricultural History

Artist: Zach & Brooke Cardoza | zachcardozaart.com

Mural Theme(s): Albert Exendine | Black War Veterans | Otterbein Women in the Arts

An **interactive map** with exact **mural locations** is available on the [project website](#).

June 26 Kickoff Event & Public Activation

The project will officially launch on **June 26** during Westerville's **Fourth Friday Festival**. The kickoff event will take place from **6–9 PM on the lawn of Hanby Elementary (56 S. State St.)**.

The event will feature participation from local civic and community organizations, including the **League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus**, **Birdie Books**, **WeRISE for Greater Westerville**, and the **Westerville Public Library**.

Select project sponsors will also be on-site, including [Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt](#), which will offer complimentary frozen yogurt cups (while supplies last).



Attendees can expect:

- Family-friendly activities and lawn games
- Opportunities to learn about each mural and its story
- Information on how to participate in the digital mural trail
- Access to the official **America250 Westerville Guide**, a resource for America250 programming across the community

While the murals will be installed in advance, the June 26 event serves as the official public activation—inviting the community to engage and explore.

Learn More & Stay Connected

The official **project website**, www.visitwesterville.org/250, serves as the central hub for the experience and includes:

- **Project overview** and background
- An interactive **mural map**
- Detailed information on each mural, including **theme history** and **artist features**
- An America250 Westerville **events calendar**
- A **dedicated blog** with project updates and storytelling
- Information on the **digital mural trail** and how to participate

Follow **Visit Westerville** on social media for ongoing updates, behind-the-scenes footage of mural production, artist spotlights, and more:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/VisitWesterville

Instagram: www.instagram.com/visitwesterville

Funding & Sponsors

This project is made possible through funding support from the [America250 Ohio Commission](#), the [Ohio Arts Council](#), and [The Westerville Fund](#), along with contributions from local sponsors, including [The Marzetti Company](#), [RWM Wealth Advisors](#), [Reach Realty](#), [Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt](#), [Central Ohio Primary Care](#), and [Meza Wine Shop](#).

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