

Joni Joachims

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Joni Joachims always includes a piece of the Pacific Northwest in her artworks. When looking at her paintings, you can find famous landmarks like Mt. Rainier, historical figures of Washington, and many spots from Tacoma such as the Museum of Glass' Cone and the historical Stadium District. Joachims' works are inspired by the simplest pleasures of everyday life in the Northwest and portray a clear message of her love for the area. Her traditional style has been formed by her education—she holds a BA from the University of Puget Sound and has taken classes from Tacoma Community College, Gage Academy in Seattle, and Pratt Fine Arts Center. She is always furthering her education, stretching herself to learn new techniques and create works within a new frame of reference. Working with and for established local mural artists Mary Mann and William Forrester, Joachims has painted for clients ranging from Nickelodeon to the City of Tacoma's Neighborhood Councils to local schools such as Lowell Elementary and Foss High School. Joachims has also created many privately commissioned paintings and jewelry pieces, painted sets for the North End Children's Theatre and Puget Sound Revels, and teaches art classes to children and adults. Muralist, teacher, jewelry designer, painter, and set designer are all roles Joachims fits easily into with the skill, patience, and community-minded spirit of a seasoned professional artist.

Murals completed in Tacoma Murals Project



Bergerson Terrace mural, 2011

Acrylic on concrete

Lead artists: Rachael Dotson, Joni Joachims, Jeremy Gregory. Participating artists: Liza A Brown, Kate Cendejas, Brian Hutcheson, David Long, Mary McFarland, Laura Ospital, Chelsea O'Sullivan, Natalie Oswald, Yvette Simone, Shannon Wallace, Janice Lee Warren



S. M Street & S. 34th Street, 2010

Acrylic on concrete

Lead artist: Joni Joachims. Participating artists: Brad Dinsmore, Rajaa Gharbi, Kathleen Gray, Tenold Sundberg

At “M” Street and S. 34th, lead artist Joni Joachims and participating artists Brad Dinsmore, Rajaa Gharbi, Kathleen Gray, and Tenold Sundberg painted a mural on what was once the site of over-grown blackberry bushes and vandalism. The Lincoln District Mural features an assortment of goats that take leisure time to play. From goats with guitars to trees and even a toy train, the mural is strikingly whimsical and playful.

The mural was inspired by a recent clearing of blackberries by a pack of goats on nearby Billy Goat Hill - though these guitar-playing goats seem to have a lot of free time on their hands. It not only benefited the community by replacing a tagged and run-down wall with a beautiful mural but it also provided the impetus for multiple community groups to work together.

A Sampling of Additional Murals Created by Joni Joachims



Foss Mural, 2005
Worked with Mary Mann on mural.
Acrylic on concrete



Hilltop Mural
Acrylic on cement block



Lowell Elementary School Mural (detail), 2001
Designed by Joni Joachims. Painted by Joni Joachims and Mary Mann.
Acrylic on cement



Tacoma Little Theatre Mural
Designed by Mary Mann. Painted by Mary Mann, William Forrester, and Joni Joachims.