



ARTIST SELECTED FOR THE NEW HILL CENTRAL SCHOOL PERCENT FOR ART COMMISSION

(7/7/2010) (New Haven, CT) – The City of New Haven Department of Cultural Affairs, announces Duvian Montoya as the artist selected for the Hill Central School Percent for Art Commission. Montoya’s proposal for a mural entitled “Harvesting Community” was selected by jury in June 2010.

The mural, which was inspired by the idea of celebrating the fruits of our labor in gardening, food, music, dance, art, family and community, will be created for the main wall in the school’s cafeteria. Elements of the mural theme will also be painted on garden stakes for display in the school’s community garden adjacent to the building. Montoya’s work will be the 36th work of art to be commissioned under the City’s Percent for Art Program. To view previous commissions visit www.cityofnewhaven.com

About the Hill Central School

The new Hill Central School will be located at 140 Dewitt Street in the Hill neighborhood of New Haven. The architect for the project is Kenneth Boroson. The school is expected to be completed in 2012.

About the Percent for Art Program

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The municipal ordinance that created the Percent for Art Program was enacted in 1981 and established that up to 1% of the municipality's contribution toward the construction or renovation of public facilities is to be allocated for the purchase or commissioning of a work of art within the facility. Since its inception, thirty-six works of art have been commissioned for many of the city's public schools, fire stations, parks, libraries, and other public buildings and spaces.

New Haven was the first city in the State to enact such legislation. Only two other cities in Connecticut have since established Percent for Art Programs: Stamford legislated their Percent for Art ordinance in the early 1980's and New Britain's Program, which is based on New Haven's model, was created about five years ago. The State of Connecticut also has a Percent for Art program which is currently considering a commission of artwork for the new Gateway Community Technical College. This popular program exists in 26 states and more than 90 counties and municipalities in the United States

About the Artist

Duvian Montoya, a Connecticut native, is a painter and human rights advocate. Montoya has an extensive list of awards for his work in the arts and recently founded a center for art in Norwalk, Connecticut.