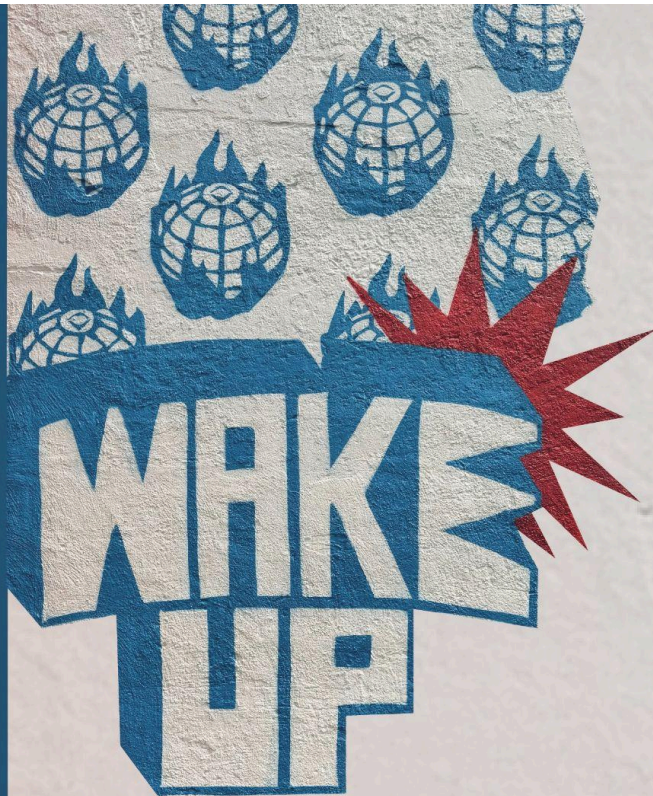


2024



A MURAL CREATED FOR THE COMMUNITY IN OSGOOD PARK

ART DIRECTION NXN AND GUEST ARTIST ERRE

IN COLLABORATION WITH TEENS FROM THE SUMMER
MURAL PROGRAM BY SOMERVILLE ARTS COUNCIL 2024

★ BRENDA - RAY - DARRAGH - CORI ★



Work Statement

The Summer Mural Program, presented by Somerville Arts Council, created the mural “Wake Up”. The development of the mural was directed by Andres Duarte (NXN) and an invited artist Irma Caicedo (ERRE) who together led a group of teens from the Somerville community in conceiving of this gift to the community around the Osgood Park.

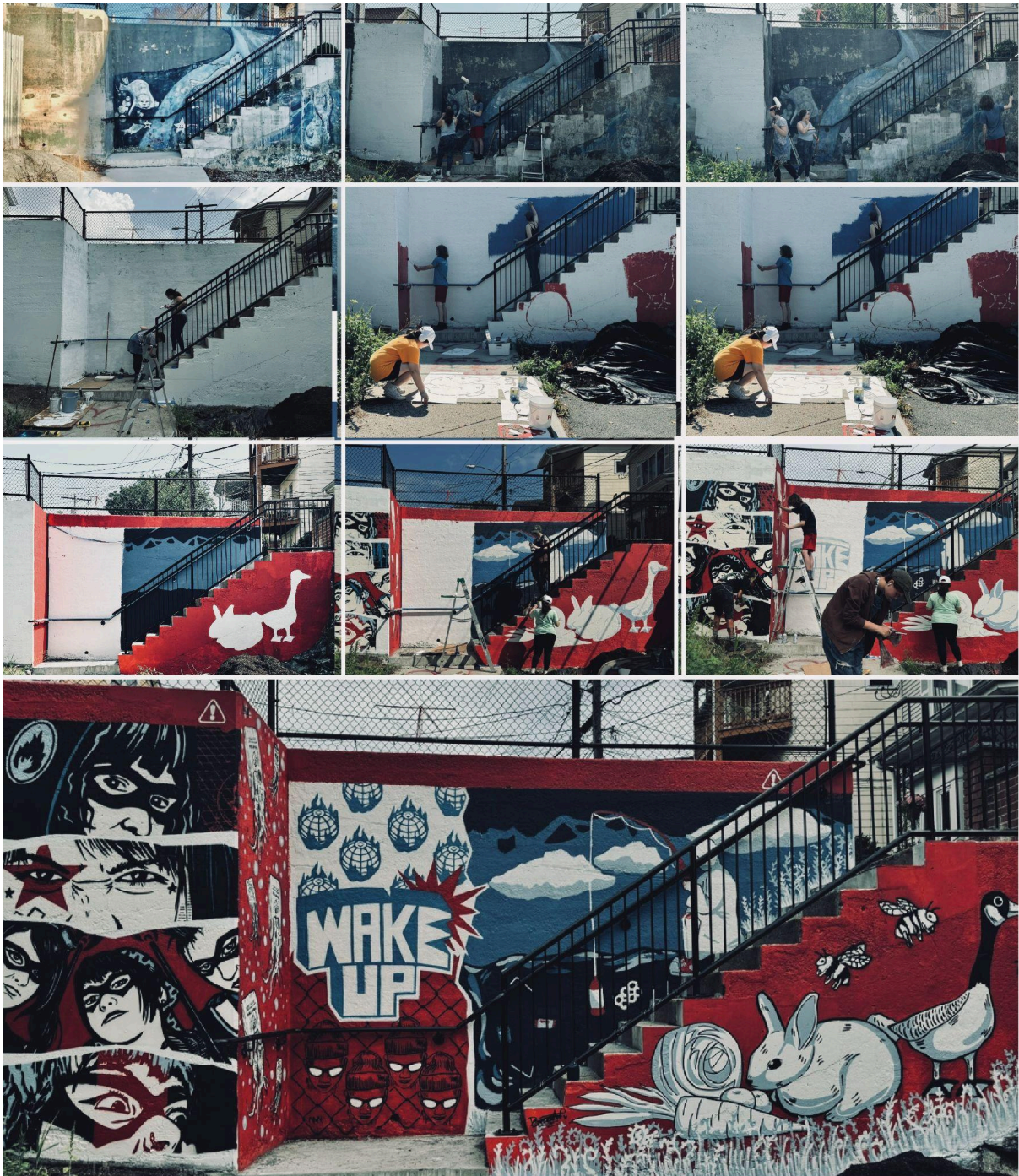
The mural is called “Wake Up” because it is a call to the community at large from the younger generation to encourage us all to reduce our ecological footprint. The process of deciding the subject of the mural involved a meeting with the immediate community for input around the proposed themes by local residents. They chose “Nature and Community”, and from there the teens identified their personal expositions of the principal theme of the design. They also did outreach with flyers in the community for further input on the mural before it was completed.

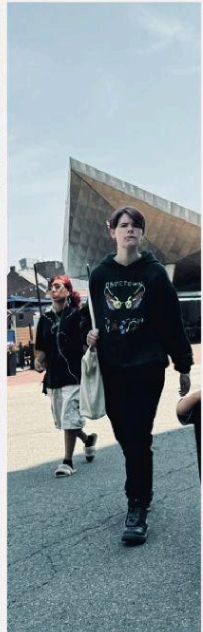
Over the course of four weeks the group made trips to key points around the city to identify those themes from different perspectives. Visiting parks, the Aquarium, and art museums, the teens had the opportunity to sketch and present their viewpoints artistically, and to decide on the main aesthetic elements they would focus on for the final piece. The teens chose to share a message that In a world full of plastic there is still a hope to protect and save our environment, if we take action and Wake Up to the truth of what is happening around us.

The primary technique used in this mural is stencil, a painting and street art style which was shared with the teens during the course of the program in studio days. Students also practiced free hand, using spray paint and acrylic latex paint.

The project culminated with a community event where we presented the mural and the participating artists to the community, and provided attendees with the opportunity to try out the stencil techniques used in the mural. There were stencils, t-shirts, spray paints, and bleach available for people to represent their own interpretation of Wake Up with wearable art. The lead artists also created a commemorative poster with the memories of the process, which community members were invited to take home as a souvenir of the event.

Process









UNVEILING WAKE UP
The new mural, from the youth to the community

★ COME TO SAY HI TO THE ARTIST ★
T SHIRTS AND POSTERS WILL BE PAINTING ON LIVE
OSGOOD PARK / SUNDAY 18 AUG / 1PM

SOMERVILLE ARTS COUNCIL

INVITATION
TO GIVE
INPUT FOR THE
**OSGOOD PARK
COMMUNITY
MURAL**

SOMERVILLE ARTS COUNCIL TEEN SUMMER PROGRAM IS CREATING A NEW MURAL IN YOUR COMMUNITY! SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS AND THEMES FOR OUR DESIGNERS TO INCLUDE IN THE MURAL!