

## Mural Camp 2012

### The Mural Design Concept

This original masterpiece mural will be created in a four-part series during Mural Camp 2012.

#### Session 1: "Gospel & the Devil's Music"

Tuesday, July 10 - Friday, July 13

This portion of the mural will be executed in sepia tones featuring the legendary players in the earliest days, including such luminaries as Charles A. Tindley and the "Father of Gospel Music," Thomas A. Dorsey, and many of the Gospel greats that came later through today. The overall piece will be an historical chronicle, weaving artfully through the rhythms of time.

At the turn of the 19th century, the old guard conservatives of the Southern Baptist Churches considered the blending of the sacred spirituals and hymns and the secular Blues and Jazz, as the "Devil's Music" and shunned it. By its actions, the church declared Dorsey's brand of Gospel Music unworthy of a hearing within the sanctuaries. A story quite similarly echoed by churches responding to the Rock & Roll "Jesus" movement of the 1970s.

#### Sessions 2 and 3: "Jazz and Blues: The Expression of Life"

Tuesday, July 24 - Friday, July 27 and Tuesday, August 7 - Friday, August 10

Sessions two and three will be an exciting unfolding of a rich and controversial time in America, painted in deep, muted tones of blue and green, depicting the faces and places of the bottomless well of emotion, expressed through the sweet, guttural sounds and rhythms of the human heart. Purely American, and although each are unique, Jazz and Blues are sisters.

This portion of the colossal 80-foot mural will dovetail artfully with "Gospel & The Devil's Music," creating an stirring continuity.

#### Session 4: "Rock & Roll: The American Revolution"

Tuesday, August 21 - Friday, August 24

The season grand finale will explode onto the scene with vibrant color as it did, literally, in the fifties and sixties. Then, appropriately, concluding with the summer of love and the psychedelic seventies. Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly, Elvis, the Beatles, Jimi Hendrix... the list of legends for this period is long and we will represent the best of them. This portion will cap off our four part series completing this epic urban masterpiece. Please join us!

