



223 State Street, Binghamton NY 13901

## **iDistricts: Murals and Mosaics FAQ**

- **When did iDistricts Begin?:**
  - In **2018**, the County and BCAC co-wrote a state grant to fund up to 28 murals or mosaics in three iDistricts (innovation): Binghamton, Endicott, and JC. The murals are part of a public art revitalization project. In the **Spring of 2020**, The Broome County Arts Council (BCAC), in partnership with Broome County Planning Department (BCPD), collaboratively requested qualifications (RFQ) from professional artists who wished to be considered for mural or mosaic design for this project, according to State guidelines. The RFQ was active for just 3 weeks! 50 artists applied. Out of 50, 35 artists, an almost even mix of local, regional, national, and internationally-based artists, were notified that they were eligible. The first round of mural and mosaic installations began in **August 2021!**
- **Where will the murals and mosaics be installed?:**
  - The Broome County “iDistricts” include Binghamton, Johnson City, and Endicott, NY. There have been a number of murals and mosaics already installed across these municipalities. Please reference the map located on this webpage to learn their precise locations.
- **Is it too late to get involved?:**
  - All walls and artists have been selected for the iDistricts Project. However, BCAC is still accepting donations of food vouchers from local restaurants in the area for the iDistricts Project. To donate, please email Holly Cooper at [hcooper@broomearts.org](mailto:hcooper@broomearts.org)
- **What artists were eligible to apply?:**
  - The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was open to all entrants, artists who were regionally based in the Southern Tier and Central New York were especially encouraged to apply. Both individual artists and collaborative artists were welcome to apply. All artists were required to have familiarity with working on large-scale art construction, assembly, installation, and expert knowledge about quality materials for creating and maintaining vibrant and lasting murals.
- **Will there be another call for walls/artists?:**
  - At this time BCAC and the Broome County Planning Department do not anticipate launching another call for walls or artists for this particular. However, keep checking the BCAC website for updated information about upcoming projects.