

Mural Proposal for the Green Street Parking Garage: "Portals to Peace" by Lachlan Chambliss



MURAL DESCRIPTION:

"Portals to Peace" creates five doorways that pull the viewer into different scenes representing the journey to peace. The scenes are inspired by Muslim culture yet represent universal themes; they include details to celebrate various international geographic areas and traditions. The detailed archway of each portal reflects the accurate architecture of the respective regions referenced below.

Doorway 1) Market scene with money, goods and food items symbolic of charity/alms giving. Items like coconuts, bananas and dates salute West African ideas of charity and sustenance.

Doorway 2) Journey to truth with scene of mountainous valley references North Africa.

Doorway 3) Meal under moonlight hosts a Western European picnic spread; symbolic of sharing with others and the body as a vessel of peace.

Doorway 4) Tranquil domestic scene reflecting the daily effort to find peace. The scene implies a space to mediate, relax and read with a library in vision. Window design and decor salute Asia.

Doorway 5) Light. Our internal light of peace we seek to discover, the external guidance from the universe we seek to know.

This mural would be completed by Summer/Fall 2016 at the Downtown Ithaca Green Street Parking Garage. The mural is a door design, a path to someplace which is appropriate for a ramp space literally meant to take you into a different space. The mural will brighten the dark area and the dark area will add to the whimsical nature of the design.