

Life Imitates Art on Cloud Street



Front Royal Mural Project & Public Art Initiative Kickoff

The clouds floating above seem to mirror the mural that artists [Melissa Ichiuji](#) and Chris Stephens just completed last week at the corner of

Cloud and Main Streets in Front Royal.

According to Ichiuji, the mural, located on the east side of her art studio, is not only a gift to the town, but it is also a way to kick off a larger mural project and public art initiative.



From left: *Kate Fristoe, Joe Petty, Melissa Ichiuji, Chris Stephens, Mary Ellen Lynn*

WCPA believes that the presence of quality public art will boost tourism and economic development.

Ichiuji is a member of the ***Warren County Project for the Arts*** ([WCPA](#)), an advisory committee to the Town of Front Royal's Board of Architectural Review. The committee was formed by passionate local residents, artists, and Town administrators who believe that art can lift and enhance the lives of the community and visitors.

The WCPA currently has a crew of artists who have responded to a request put out by the Town to have five murals created in Front Royal around themes that support the area like flora and fauna, rivers and mountains, and local attractions.

The murals will be more "graphic in interpretation, for example, a stained glass motif on a Church Street building. . . or something with a celestial and spiritual quality," said Ichiuji.

WCPA "funnels ideas that are progressive and inclusive," said Ichiuji, and ultimately would like bring all kinds of public art to Front Royal.

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Tuned!**



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Much more to come on the Mural Project:

- **Announcement of artists and construction of the**

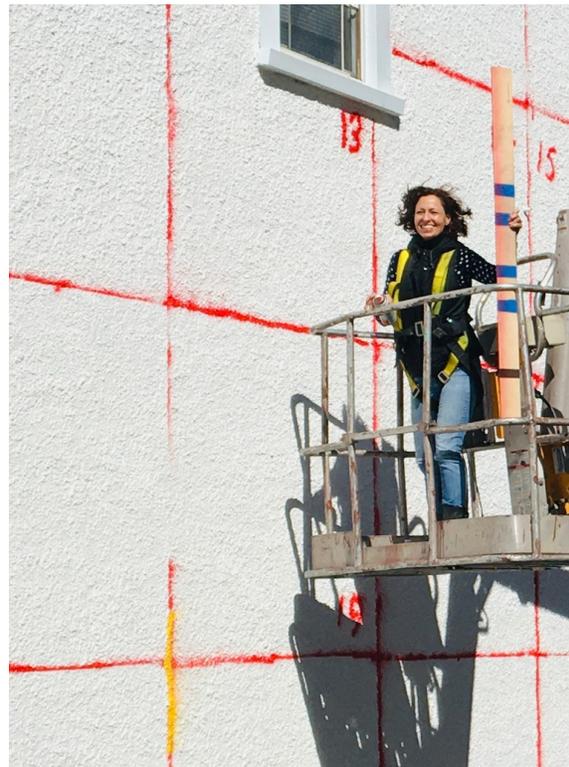
murals themselves!

Learn More About the Mural Project Here

Check out articles in the [Royal Examiner](#)
and [Northern Virginia Daily](#) capturing
the Cloud Mural construction in action.

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The WCPA oversees the installation of public art in the Town of Front Royal. Through artist, citizen, and local government collaboration the WCPS aims to enrich Front Royal's public spaces and inspire the Front Royal community!

Founded in the Spring of 2020, the WCPA's mission is to curate, coordinate, and facilitate public art in the Town of Front Royal, Virginia.

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