



Commission for Arts and Culture

FACT SHEET

Public Artwork for Civic Center Concourse

About the Artwork

MR Barnadas of Collective Magpie has been commissioned to create a site-specific for the Civic Center Concourse. This permanent public artwork will be located in Civic Center Concourse and will enliven the space for visitors to Civic Center Concourse and the downtown core. The mural will be located in the pedestrian walkway between the Evan Jones Parkade and the presently vacant Downtown Johnny Brown's restaurant. Barnadas is spending time learning about the site and the people who frequent the area and is currently organizing several opportunities for the public to share their memories of San Diego. This artistic-driven research and engagement will contribute to the development of her artwork proposal. The public will have an opportunity to view Barnadas' concept and share their feedback to help the artist further develop and refine her artwork proposal later this year.

About the Artist

MR Barnadas is an interdisciplinary artist, educator and researcher dedicated to engaging with the public domain. MR (Melinda) was born in Montreal to parents from Trinidad and Peru and grew up across North America. She holds a BFA from The School of The Art Institute of Chicago in Painting/Art & Technology and an MFA in Visual Arts with a Public Culture focus from the University of California San Diego, and conducted a year of Regional Studies in Mexican Art and Craft at the Universidad de las Américas, Puebla in between. She has instructed courses with Woodberry University School of Architecture, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California, Tijuana; University of California, San Diego; and Bauhaus-Universität Weimar, Germany; among others. She has been a fellow of the UCSD Center on Global Justice and is currently residing in the borderland city of San Diego producing public art commissioned works with the City of San Diego and Port of San Diego on behalf of Collective Magpie.