Supporting Healthcare
TRAFFIC SIGNAL BOX WRAPS PUBLIC ART PROJECT

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JURY REPORT

September 25th, 2020

BACKGROUND

This report is an overview of the discussion of the volunteer citizen jury which met on Friday August 7th, 2020 to determine the twenty (20) shortlisted artist proposals for the Supporting Healthcare Traffic Signal Box Wraps Public Art Project.

They reviewed the submissions in terms of technical issues, artistic excellence, response to context, public consultation results for the period August 20th to September 9th, 2020 and in response to the following competition goal:

*Traffic signal box public art designs should be vibrant, positive works focused on public health and wellness that support and uplift our vital healthcare workers and the patients they serve in their everyday work and as we manage COVID-19.*

AWARD

After reviewing Public Consultation results for the period August 20th to September 9th, 2020 for the shortlisted proposals, the jury confirmed the fifteen (15) artist proposals that were selected as most preferred by the public were to be awarded commissions as follows:
KAYLA WHITNEY - We See You, We Hear You, We Thank You
DANIEL KOZINA - Colorful Support
LORIDEE DE VILLA - The Power of Love
SAM ROE - In Their Hands
ROCCO BAVIERA - Stronger Together
CARLA VELDMAN - Supporting Healthcare
MATT FLETCHER - Healthcare Workers
JENNA GREGORY - Hamilton Cheers
AMY EGERDEEN - We Take Care of Each Other
ANDREA WARNICK - Giving Thanks
LAURA SMITH - Inter / Connected
LINH THAI - Superheroes
BRODY CAMPBELL - Protectors of Hamilton's Heartbeat
JOHN LACKO - Healthcare Heroes: Hang In There
CHRISTA CLARK - Masked Ball / Bal Masqué

JURY COMMENTS
The jury members applaud the efforts of all 92 artists that made submissions to the competition. There were many excellent proposals. Opening personal ideas and talents to public scrutiny can be difficult and the jury therefore extend their thanks to all the artists that shared their ideas by submitting to this competition, especially the twenty (20) shortlisted artists whose proposals were presented for public comment.

The jury also extend their thanks to all 970 people that took the time to review the shortlisted submissions, select their three (3) preferred proposals and provide comments. There were over twenty pages of comments submitted.

The successful artist proposals were selected because the Jury felt they excelled in conveying gratitude and optimism to our vital healthcare workers and their patients. The selected designs are vibrant and positive. A number of them recognized our diverse community’s contributions to public health and wellbeing. Some of the works provided beautiful, detailed portraits of healthcare workers, humanizing them for the public.
Many of the proposals acknowledged the heart and compassion healthcare workers bring to their daily work in serving patients. The Jury noted a number of the proposals emphasized community and the importance of working together as we move forward. All selected proposals had strong, contemporary concepts that will bring light and joy to their sites and continue to inspire.

THE JURY

Abolade 'Abby' Adeyemi  Nursing Staff / Acute Mental Health, St. Joseph’s Healthcare
Jaime Drayer            Volunteer Patient Advisor, Hamilton Health Services
Sonali Menezes          Multidisciplinary Artist, Hamilton Arts Awards winner
Rony Mikhael            Creative Director / Graphic Designer, Operatic
Annette Paiement        Chair, Hamilton Arts Advisory Commission

Advisors to the Jury:
Ken Coit               Manager, Placemaking, Public Art & Projects
Zahra Awang           Art in Public Places Project Specialist,
                        Placemaking, Public Art & Projects