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## Shepard Fairey, Street Artists Create Murals For West Hollywood's Library

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West Hollywood is getting a little dose of downtown, as MOCA-selected artists <u>Shepard Fairey</u>, <u>Kenny Scharf</u>, and <u>RETNA</u> have just finished installing murals on the sides of the city's new library.

The building is still under construction, but the murals were completed recently, reports the <u>LA</u> <u>Times</u>. The project came out of a meeting with MOCA Director Jeffrey Deitch and West Hollywood's cultural affairs administrator, Andrew Campbell.

The *LA Times* tells us that Deitch thought that the walls of the new development's parking structure would make a perfect canvas for the work of several artists featured in MOCA's <u>"Art in the Streets"</u> exhibit.

While the city of West Hollywood is funding the anti-UV and anti-graffiti coating, MOCA and the artists are paying for the rest of the expenses. Indeed, Fairey wrote on his <u>website</u>, "Calm down taxpayers... I was not paid to do the mural and paid for my own supplies and labor."

<u>Arrested Motion</u> has some great photos of the work in progress, and we have a slideshow of the finished artworks, which the *LA Times* says will be up until at least 2012.

Photos by Eliza Fisher.



Fairey's mural.