

## ***Civil Rights Wall of Fame***

*Civil Rights Wall of Fame* was created by BKFoxx and Claudio Picasso in partnership with the Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton University, the artists, and Create48.

The three-story mural depicts photographs of Muhammad Ali, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Fannie Lou Hamer from the 1960s, all which were taken in Atlantic City. The shots include one of a young Muhammad Ali, and another of Martin Luther King Jr. in a linen shirt and shorts at nearby Chicken Bone Beach. A third is of Fannie Lou Hamer, who rocketed to national attention during the 1964 Democratic National Convention, held in Atlantic City. She's known for leading the Mississippi Freedom Party's efforts to highlight virulent racism in the South that was costing Black people their lives. *Civil Rights Wall of Fame* is one of two murals finished in time for the NAACP National Convention during July 2022, which is taking place in the city for the first time since 1968.



Above: Photograph of mural in progress by BKFoxx and Claudio Picasso. Credit: Susan Allen, Stockton University

“We want people to feel seen and respected, and feel appreciated, and if we can do that in a small way through public art, it opens the conversation for how we can do that in a bigger way,” Zack Katzen said. “We can address so many other issues by starting the conversation with art.” Zack is the owner of Create48.

This mural is located 3420 Atlantic Avenue in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

### **Artist Biographies:**

#### **BKFoxx:**

BKFoxx is a public artist from Long Island, New York whose photorealistic murals are created with only spray paint. Her technique focusing on freehanding her designs, without the use of brushes, projectors, or stencils. BKFoxx's artistic process includes starting with an idea or a concept, then setting up a scene and photographing it to use as a reference image for her murals. She intends for her images to be high quality, potent, and thought provoking to the viewer.

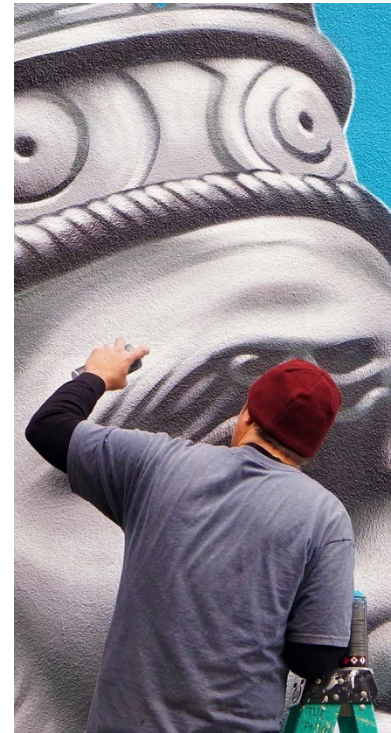
She likes the idea that some art should be temporary, existing while it is relevant and meant to be appreciated in real time. In addition, she thinks that art is important for everyone, and focuses on public art for that reason. BKFoxx believes in honesty, authenticity, respect, and contributing to making the world a more fair place.

### **Claudio Picasso - CP1:**

Born in Chile and raised in Miami, Claudio Picasso began painting walls at the age of 15. It was at this time that he fell in love with graffiti and its bold color schemes, graphic styling, monumental scale, and social commentary. Although he has studied everything from sculpture to printmaking, photography to digital art, spray paint has remained Claudio's preferred medium for over 20 years.

Crafting images with a depth and sensitivity that pushes the bounds of spray paint, Claudio occupies a space between graffiti writer and fine artist. Often times monochromatic, his works leave greater emphasis to rendering, smooth gradients, shading, and the relationship between foreground and background, positive and negative. Over the past two decades, Claudio has gained distinction as one of Miami's most respected muralists for his unique, hyper-realistic style. His portraiture often finds inspiration in the Library of Congress' early photographic archives, and other 19th and early 20th century photo collections.

The Miami New Times once dubbed Claudio Miami's most progressive, urban artist. Claudio's mural at Sweat Records has become a local landmark; given special recognition by The Atlantic in its article detailing Miami's alternative, cultural renaissance. Claudio has completed murals for the Fillmore Miami Beach, Jose Andres' The Bazaar at SLS Hotel - Miami Beach, Edward Lee's Succotash, in Washington DC, The Marley family in Jamaica, J Wakefield Brewing in Wynwood, and a host of commercial and private commissions, spanning from Miami to Japan.



Above: Photograph of Claudio Picasso

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