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California Artists Dedicate Peace Mural to UK Lord's "Walk for Truce" Effort in Support of UN Resolution During 2016 Rio Olympics



April 21, 2016: Watsonville, California. Today, The Art Wall Company, run by Peter and Lisa Mackeonis, announced the creation of 'Triumph,' a 4,000 square foot 'peace mural' on the community-based Watsonville Art Wall (www.watsonvilleartwall.com/triumph-peace-mural.html), by artists Paul De Worken and Jaime Sanchez (founders of Monterey Bay Murals) dedicated in support of Lord Michael Bates' and his wife, Xuelin's, 3,000 km, "Walk for Peace," from Buenos Aires to Rio de Janeiro, in anticipation of the upcoming 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio.

'Triumph', a highly expressive mural, designed by Jaime Sanchez, pays homage to Pablo Picasso's 'Guernica' and Henri Matisse's 'La Dance' and dramatically draws attention to the conflicts around the world, and supports Lord Bates' cause, which focuses on [UN Resolution A/RES/48/11](#), calling for the cease of world conflicts during the Olympic games. This unanimously signed, and unanimously ignored, resolution of 1993 "*Urged all Member States to take the initiative to abide by the Truce, individually and collectively, and to pursue in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations the peaceful settlement of all international conflicts.*" Through his 3,000 mile trek, Lord Michael Bates is calling for all countries participating in the upcoming Olympics, to lay down their weapons during the summer games, in accordance with this resolution.

Lord Michael Bates / "Walk for Truce 2012"

Michael Bates was born May 26, 1961 in Gateshead, England, and is a Conservative Party politician in the United Kingdom and Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party. He was awarded a life peerage on June 30, 2008. This is not Lord Bates' first walk for peace, in support of the ignored UN resolution. In 2012, artists CODE FC and Jack Haslehurst, created a mural on the Mackeonis' iconic London, Shoreditch Art Wall, for Lord Bates' 3,200 km "Walk for Truce" for the 2012 London Olympics, in which he met with world leaders along the way, calling for peace during those games. Unfortunately, his call was ignored and countries at war continued their operations as usual
shoreditchartwall.com/london_2012.html.

The Watsonville Art Wall (WAW)

[WAW](#) was created to be part of Watsonville's Revitalization Program, to help elevate the city through creative and rotating murals and art installations. This 125 ft. by 30 ft. wall located on the Petroutsas' family building at 347 Main Street, across from the plaza, within the grassy park in historic downtown Watsonville, will feature a new and massive mural every 3 to 4 months.

Donations

The paint for 'Triumph' was kindly donated by Bill King of 'King's Paint and Paper' in Soquel, California and Manuel Rodrigues of 'Ace Hardware' in Watsonville, California. The lifts were graciously donated by Robert Pedersen of 'A Tool Shed' in Santa Cruz, California.

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