

Civic Art

3965 South Vermont Probation Office/DOORS Reentry Center Murals

A project of the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture Civic Art Program
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ABOUT THE ART

3965 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles CA 90037-1937

Through the County's Civic Art policy, the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture was able to guide the creation of new civic artworks explicitly designed for the waiting rooms, SIT room and 3rd Floor Reentry Center of the new Probation field office.

Brooklyn-based artist Olalekan created nineteen murals throughout the building, using motifs with bold and vibrant designs. The murals illustrate a positive direction and future for clients and include references to education, literacy, employment and occupations, community, healthcare, and local architecture and vegetation. He incorporated references to music, art, and performance relating to the programmatic functions of the Reentry Center. These characters, text, and symbols speak to countless opportunities, resources, help, advocacy and support available to clients, visitors and the community at large.

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Olalekan Jeyifous received a BArch from Cornell University. His work has been exhibited at venues such as the Studio Museum in Harlem, the MoMA, the Vitra Design Museum and the Guggenheim in Bilbao, Spain. He has received a number of grants for his artwork such as a fellowship from the New York Foundation of the Arts, the New York State Council on the Arts and the Brooklyn Arts Council. He has recently completed artist residencies with the Headlands Center for the Arts, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, the Drawing Center's Open Sessions program, and he was a Wilder Green Fellow at the MacDowell Colony.

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In addition to his extensive exhibition history, he has spent over a decade creating large-scale artwork for a variety of public spaces. He created award-winning installations for Starbucks located in the Barclays Arena in Brooklyn and their Flagship store located in Chicago's Gold Coast neighborhood. Most recently, he has completed commissions for the Durham SmART Vision Plan, a 50ft-tall sculpture for the 2017 Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, and 4 large sculptures for Public Square in downtown Cleveland, OH.

To learn more about the artist visit <http://vigilism.com/>.



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