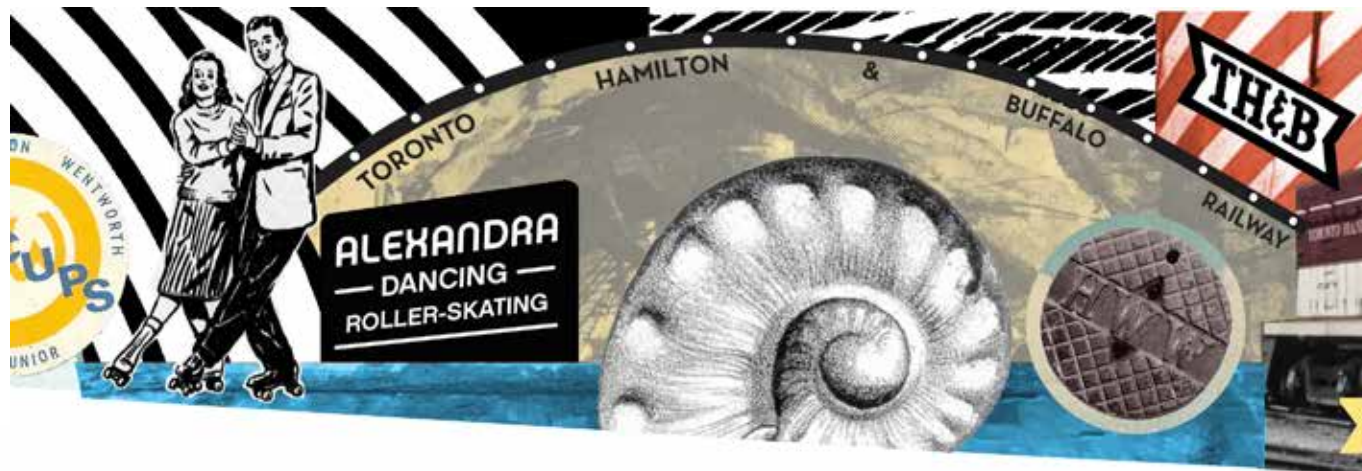


JAMES STREET SOUTH MURAL PUBLIC ART COMPETITION



Artist's Proposal

Dave Kuruc with Lisa Pijuan-Nomura, Brian Kelly & Elijah Nolet *Excavation*



Artist's Concept Statement

My vision for the James St. South mural project is to showcase the idea of what is underground. The cut of the road to enable railcars to move above car traffic is part of my inspiration.

This interesting shape.

What lies beneath?

Layers of Hamilton history and stories.

Working with my highly skilled team (Lisa Pijuan-Nomura, Brian Kelly & Elijah Nolet) we want to bring to life those things we no longer see.

Rollerskating – Alexandra Skating Rink was located where the Chateau Royale condo building now stands.

Woolly Mammoth/Mastadon – Bones of these prehistoric creatures were discovered while digging for the the TH&B line. Hamilton was a prime ice age area. These giants once roamed this land.

Musical instruments – Inspired by The Hamilton Conservatory of Music and also the big bands who played the Alexandra. Oversized trombones and trumpets.

Fincups – Hamilton hockey team. Memorial Cup champions, 1976. Owners were Finocchio and Cupido who operated a real estate company on James South. Finocchio sign still visible up above.

Trains – Railway motifs, shapes and colours will be a large part of this piece.

Camera and photos – Hubert Beckett's photo studio was located at James & Bold.

Past underwater life – This part of Hamilton was once underwater. What creatures lived here?

Urban infrastructure – Think pipes, sewers, underground wires.

"In the dark beginning, before this place was formed, already things lived. The evidence of their living here remains in the rocks. Theirs is an even older beginning than stone itself."

– Daniel Coleman, Yardwork (2017)

"and what the ice and water had done, shaping and carving this gentle, wild landscape!"

– John Terpstra, Giants (2002)

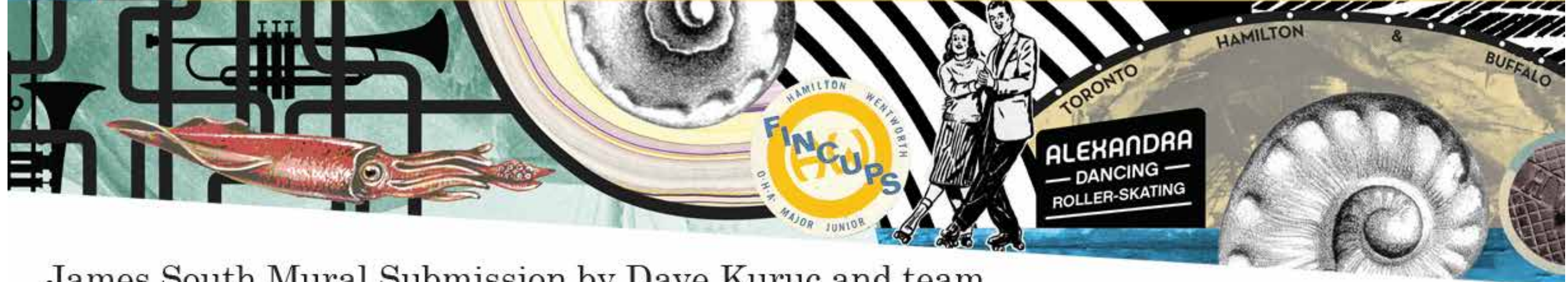
The style of this piece will be layered collages. Assemblages of archival materials, found art, photography and drawings.

Uncovered.

Mural Details



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James South Mural Submission by Dave Kuruc and team

