

REVISED FY21 CPA MIFA VICTORY THEATRE MURALS PROJECT: \$95,500

I. Original Project

The original plan for this project was to restore the two (2) MIFA Victory Theatre Murals (painted circa 1941-42 by Vincent Maragliotti) and to install a temporary public exhibition in the Holyoke City Hall ballroom where they would remain on display until the Victory Theatre itself is fully restored at which time the murals would be returned to the Theatre from which they originated.

II. Revised Project

1) Restoration and Display

After further review and discussion with the City of Holyoke Engineer and Dept. of Public Works, however, it was determined that City Hall would not be an appropriate venue for display of murals of this size (30' in length) for logistical reasons. The revised project description then is to restore both murals as before but to display one (1) upper lunette section of one of the murals at the Wistariahurst Museum for a one (1) year period. The details of this plan have been fully agreed upon with the Director of the Wistariahurst Museum and an installation location in the Museum has been identified. MIFA and the Museum have settled on the terms for a forthcoming contract.

The plan to restore both murals in full remains in place as before, but the restorer will be Jeff Greene of EverGreene Architectural Arts rather than Vitek Kruta. The murals will be safely stored after restoration so that they may eventually be installed in the Victory Theatre once again. The restoration of both murals will be completed by November 2023.

2) Exhibit Timeline

The proposed timeline for installation of the upper lunette of the mural for display at Wistariahurst Museum would be in February 2023 and this mural panel/lunette would be on display for the public for a period of one year. The goal is for the lunette to be on display for the public in time for Holyoke's 150th Celebration. Interpretive signage will be created to showcase the history, conservation and future plans for the murals. This would include additional lighting of signage and possibly the mural. However, CPA funds will go exclusively toward restoration of the murals only and not toward the

installation, interpretation of the display or storage. The costs of these elements of the project will be covered by MIFA.

3) MIFA Storage/Theatre Installation OR Permanent Loan to City

a) MIFA Storage Plan

The remaining sections of the two (2) murals will be in storage at EverGreene's studios in Brooklyn, NY for approximately one (1) year.

If multi-year storage is required beyond this time period, Evergreen has agreed to arrange a suitable location either in Brooklyn, NY or a separate location closer to the site of the Victory Theatre where the murals will be regularly monitored to ensure their continued protection.

In the event that the Victory Theatre is not restored and reopened after the one (1) year exhibition period and the murals cannot be returned to the Theatre, MIFA agrees to continue funding the murals' safe storage in perpetuity and ensures their preservation.

b) Alternative to MIFA Storage Plan: Permanent Loan to City of Holyoke

In the event that an alternative arrangement can be made in the future with City officials to their satisfaction which allows for a permanent loan in perpetuity to the City of Holyoke, such an arrangement will include the following provisos:

- The murals cannot be sold, defaced or altered in any way.
- In the event that the City of Holyoke cannot display the murals for the public, the City must take responsibility for storing and preserving them safely and appropriately.
- The origin of the loan must be acknowledged in all printed and promotional material as "Loaned by The Massachusetts International Festival of the Arts (MIFA)"
- An additional agreement will be drafted between the City of Holyoke and MIFA detailing these terms and conditions.

III. Automatic Return of CPA Funds Provision

In the event that neither of the two options described in the above provision (*MIFA Storage Plan or Permanent Loan to City*) can be met and MIFA cannot ensure the integrity of the restored murals in perpetuity, MIFA will be required to immediately return this CPA award of \$95,500 in full.

IV. Award

The change in project details described above does not represent any change in the original award amount which remains \$95,500 as approved by City Council.

V. Future Revisions in Scope of Work/Deadlines

In the event that future changes are made within the general Scope of Work (or in regard to the timing of the installation/exhibit) but aligned with the overall goals of the project as described above, the CPC will evaluate and determine how best to proceed and make necessary adjustments to the agreement as needed without the need for future City Council review.