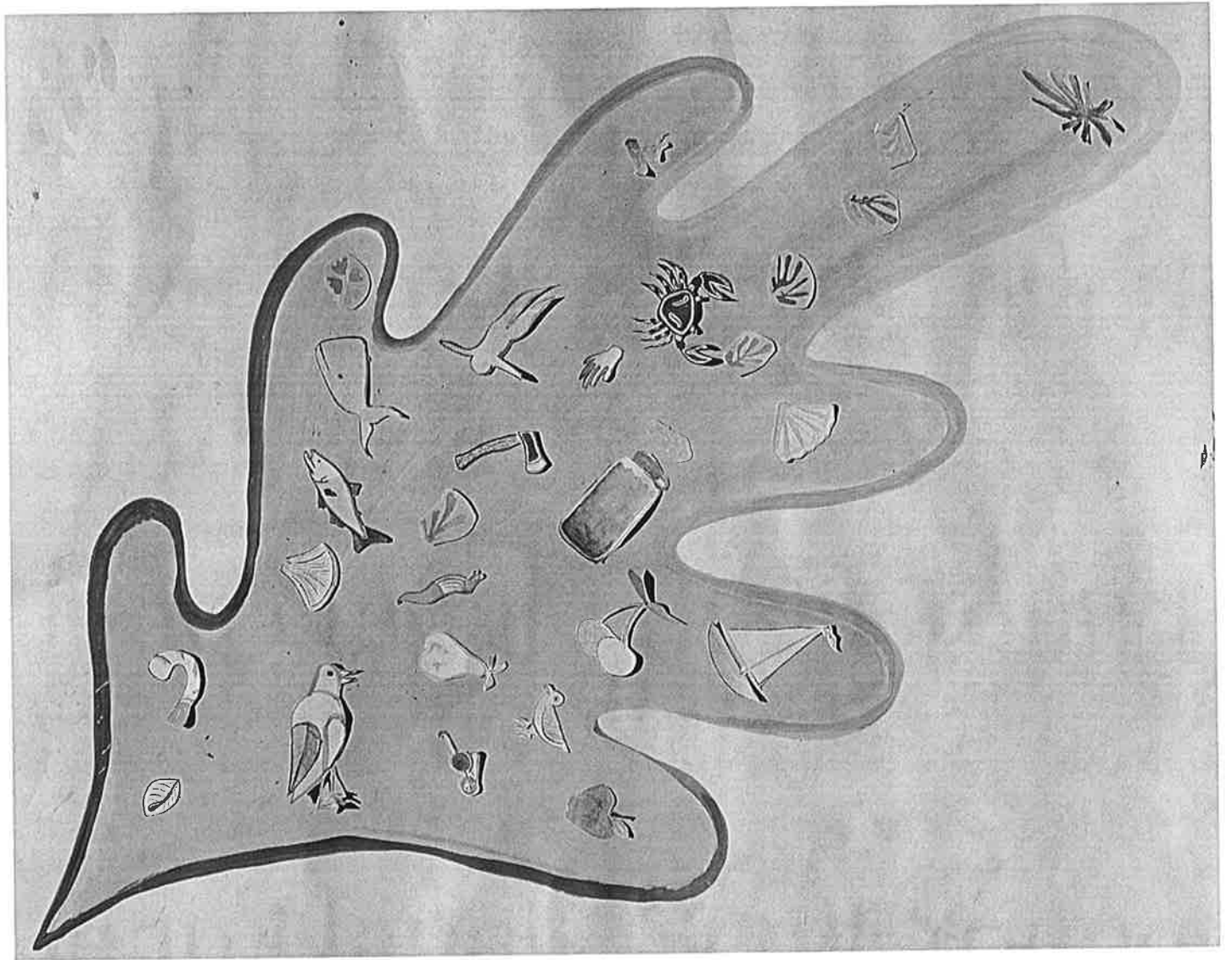
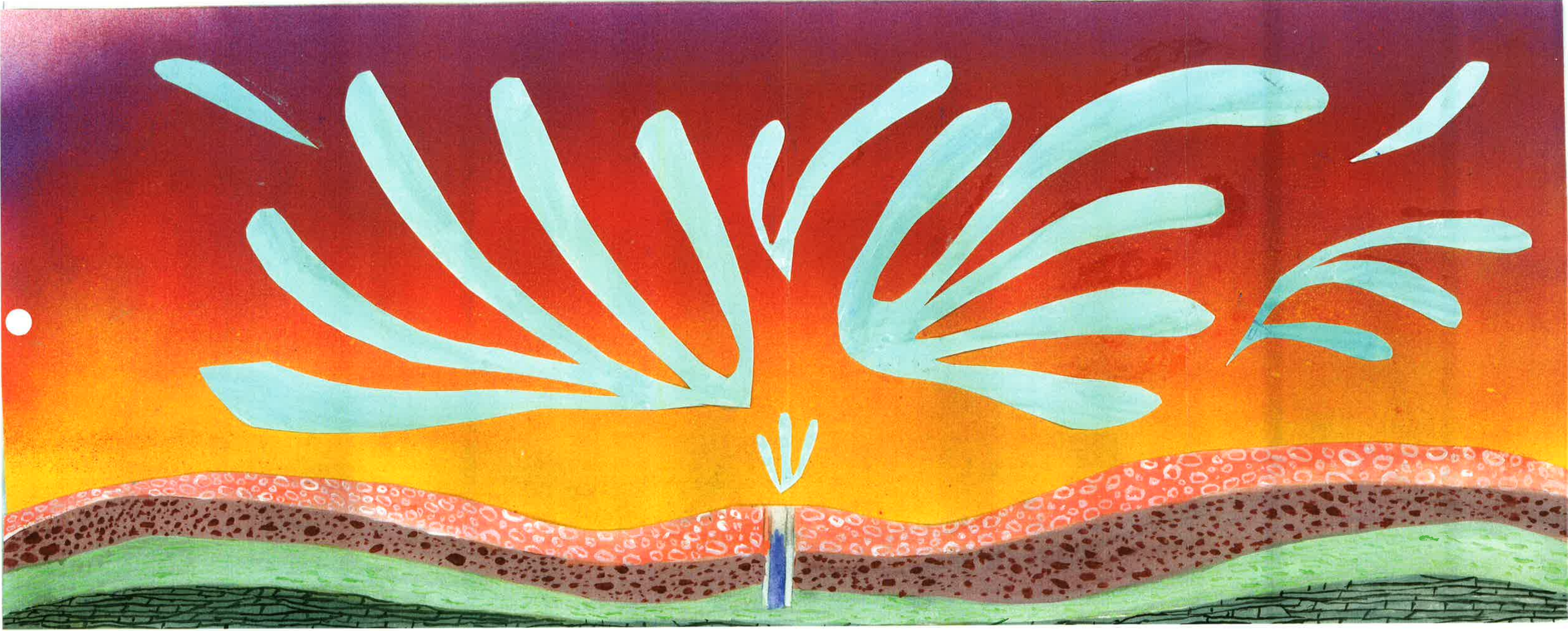


# ARTESIAN WELL MURAL PURPOSAL



Jean Nagai / Scott Young





Artesian Well Commons  
Mural Proposal  
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## *“We are the Water”*

### *Description of the concept of the proposed mural*

We, Jean Nagai and Scott Young, propose to paint a collaborative mural depicting a vibrant celebration of the Artesian Well. The design will include themes of local history, natural science, community, marine and wildlife, local food, farming and gardening, water vessels, etc.. The aesthetic of the mural combines a scientific and educational aesthetic, teaching about and hopefully inspiring an appreciation of the amazing natural forces which create the Artesian Well. The concepts of this mural design, and both artists' work in general, are rooted in a sense of place as Washington artists and Olympia community members; we have created a design working with the 'urban oasis' idea, influenced by the natural world and artistic culture of the Pacific Northwest.

We believe that art has the potential to communicate in universal symbols, bringing community together around shared experiences and values. The well itself is a valuable shared public space, drawing in and serving a diverse range of community members. Our design intends to unite the physical site with its value as a community space. The whole town drinks the water, so we asked a lot of different people what they would want in a mural at the space. We visited the well and spoke with the youth, people filling up vessels, downtown business owners, and various other community members. They all told us they'd like to see vibrant colors, nature, movement, water flowing, and overall a mural with playful imagery and high energy.

Two thirds of the background will be a sunset gradient. The bottom third of the mural will show a cross section of the geologic stratum, the uniquely patterned layers of sedimentary rock and soil. Within the layers of the stratum will be illustrations of fossils found in Washington state, including Trilobites and Ammonites, and even the official Washington state fossil, the Colombian Mammoth. The rocky stratum will stretch the length of the wall, with a tubular channel of water in the center, breaking through the surface in a high energy fountain. The water will be represented in distinct shapes flowing upwards, laid on top of the gradient background, each separate water spout shape being filled with many unique illustrations, such as salmon, trees, sailboats, hands, local food, train imagery, animals and people. The illustrations will be a cohesive interpretation of the feedback we received from the community, creating a space-specific visual language. Therefore, when community members view the mural, they will feel empowered and included.

We believe in the powerful potential for public art to beautify the town we love and to deter vandalism. As working artists and longtime Olympia residents, both artists have a combined breadth of experience creating public art in the Olympia community and a demonstrated commitment to community empowerment through art. Our mural proposal is intentionally designed to easily incorporate youth volunteers helping paint certain sections.

Jean Nagai  
*Bio/Resume*

Jean Nagai is a visual artist living in Olympia, Washington. Born in 1979, he is inspired by the abundant natural world of the Pacific Northwest, the contemporary pop cultural landscape and the subtle areas of the color gradient. His work is often abstractly representative of complex patterns imbued with the texture and movement of seaweed, clouds and embroidery. Working with collage, sumi ink and spray paint, he is in dialogue with the micro and macro, fluently employing minute pen strokes in large scale imagery in installations and murals. He has developed a visual vocabulary reflecting the confluence of nature and mass culture, manifested utilizing traditional and experimental techniques. He received his B.A. in Fine Art at The Evergreen State College.

*Website:*

<http://jeannagai.wordpress.com>

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## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2014 New Collages End of An Ear Gallery Austin, TX  
Well of Eternal Rose House (with Lilah Rose) The Stable Gallery Olympia, WA  
Whiteout Privilege (with Baso Fibonacci) Flatcolor Gallery Seattle, WA  
Dyed In the Rain Violet Strays(online only) Seattle, WA  
Gridlord Las Cruces Austin, TX  
Whiteout Privilege 2 (October) The Stable Gallery Olympia, WA  
Untitled Show (November) Salon Refu Olympia, WA
- 2013 Jazz Matrix The Haul Gallery Olympia, WA  
I Love America and America Loves Me(site specific installation)Tony's Olympia  
Galaxy Ceiling (site specific installation) Psychic Sister Olympia, WA
- 2012 American Dreamer Flat Color Gallery Seattle, WA  
1,000 Chrome Windows (site specific installation) Las Cruces Austin, TX
- 2011 Ultimate Alternative Wavers Northern Gallery Olympia, WA
- 2010 Use Your Illusion 3 (site specific installation) Fulcrum Gallery Tacoma, WA  
Altered States Northern Gallery Olympia, WA  
4 Patterns Capitol Theater Olympia, WA
- 2009 Seattle Super Sonics(site specific installation) Half and Half Cafe Portland, OR  
I Love You (site specific installation) Capitol Theater Olympia, WA
- 2008 Zaggin' 4 Life (site specific installation) Le Voyeur Olympia, WA
- 2007 Puget Sounds SOIL Gallery Seattle, WA
- 2006 White Haze (site specific installation) VU Gallery Bellingham, WA
- 2005 Pat Pharm Department of Safety, Anacortes, WA  
Meta Pyramid Department of Safety, Anacortes, WA

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2014 Fantasia2014 Rhinocropolis Denver, CO  
 Beyond Thirty Prism Gallery Seattle, WA  
 New Year The Northern Gallery Olympia, WA
- 2013 Two Suns Bard Studios Denver, CO  
 Benefit Art Auction The Northern Gallery Olympia, WA  
 Associations Nelson Street Gallery Atlanta, GA  
 Dark Entries(site specific installation) The In Seattle, WA  
 Blitz Art Fair(site specific installation) The In Seattle, WA  
 Olympia International Art Festival Northern Gallery, Olympia, WA  
 Summer Jam Arts The Mansion Olympia, WA  
 Summer Jam Arts2 The Mansion Olympia, WA
- 2012 Pull Trigger DOMY Books Austin, TX  
 American Dreamers Olyphant Olympia, WA  
 Site Specific Installation REUNION Portland, OR  
 Benefit Art Auction Northern Gallery Olympia, WA
- 2011 Round Trip Flatcolor Gallery Seattle, WA  
 Nature of the Beast Flatcolor Gallery Seattle, WA  
 Hey Folks We Made It! Northern Gallery Olympia, WA  
 Battle Hearts VU Gallery, Bellingham, WA  
 Hanging Out... Northern Gallery Olympia, WA
- 2010 Monster Show 5 DOMY Books Austin, TX  
 The Return Ghosttown Gallery Olympia, WA
- 2009 Collider (site specific installation) Northern Gallery Olympia, WA  
 Things Being Over Taken Tiny's Portland, OR
- 2008 Free For All The Helm Gallery Tacoma, WA
- 2007 Gold is the Metal Stairwell Gallery Providence, RI  
 Art Basel Miami Small A Projects Miami, FL  
 Benefit Auction Greg Kucera Gallery Seattle, WA
- 2006 Eager Believers Orphange Gallery Los Angeles, CA  
 Working in a Coal Mine Small A Projects Portland, OR  
 Bold Crystals From Nu Keva Stairwell Gallery Providence, RI

#### MURALS

- 2014 Big Painting Salon Refu Olympia, WA  
 Moore Looser Collective Oswald's Hair Salon, South Seattle, WA
- 2013 Trayvon's Rainbow Northern Gallery Olympia, WA  
 The Source The Black Lodge Seattle, WA
- 2012 Nirvana For Ana 2nd Ave. Seattle, WA  
 Freak Flag 2nd Ave. Seattle, WA
- 2006 Tapestry Dumpster Values Olympia, WA

#### PERFORMANCE

- 2006 White Boss Jupiter Art Fair Portland, OR  
 White Boss Small A Projects Portland, OR

#### RESIDENCIES

- 2007 Stairwell Gallery Providence, RI

## GUEST LECTURER

2011 The Evergreen State College  
2006 Western Washington University

## EDUCATION

The Evergreen State College | BA 2004

Scott Young

*Bio/Resume*

Scott Young is a mixed-media visual artist living in Olympia, Washington. Scott received his BA from the Evergreen State College in 2010. During his time at Evergreen, Scott started a community based art studio and gallery called Ghost Town Gallery which provided a venue for young local artists to make and exhibit their work. After graduating Evergreen Scott worked at Community Youth Services in Rosie's Place Youth Drop-In Center where he was able to practice a community based approach to art first hand. Through leading art workshops and spending countless hours drawing and talking with youth Scott realized how important and healing inclusive art can be. Currently Scott is the Art Director for Olympia All Ages Project's gallery space where he curates monthly art shows and openings. From his visual work to his social work Scott seeks to integrate a sense community with his personal expression. Inspired by his roots in the Pacific Northwest, Scott's work speaks in a visual language that is place specific but universally accessible.

*Website:*

[scottyong.us](http://scottyong.us)

Art Director for Northern Gallery (Olympia All Ages Project)  
2012-Present  
[olympiaallages.org](http://olympiaallages.org)

Owner of Jackpot Olympia (an artists mercantile)  
2012-2013  
<http://jackpotolympia.tumblr.com/>

Case Aide At Community Youth Services  
2012-2013  
<http://www.communityyouthservices.org/>

Gallery Curation for Olyphant Gallery  
2012  
[theolyphant.com](http://theolyphant.com)

Gallery Curation for Ghost Town Gallery  
2011-2012

## SOLO

#2 at Ghost Town Gallery, 2012 (acrylic)  
Animal Stacks at Cafe Vita Olympia, 2013 (watercolor)  
Animal Stacks at Jackpot Olympia, 2013 (watercolor)  
Still Life at Pine Box Seattle, 2013 (photography)

Back to Back at Dumpster Values, 2014 (mixed media)

## CURATION

Alex Coxen at Ghost Town Gallery Olympia, September 2010  
Nicky Tiso at Ghost Town Gallery Olympia, October 2010  
Casey Jones at Ghost Town Gallery Olympia, November 2011 <http://www.hamburgereyes.com/>  
Amelie Ray at Ghost Town Gallery Olympia, December 2010  
Mike Rempe at Ghost Town Gallery Olympia, January 2011 <http://rempe.tumblr.com/>  
Logan Cheyne at Ghost Town Gallery Olympia, February 2011  
Alex Johnson at Ghost Town Gallery Olympia, March 2011  
Scott Young at Ghost Town Gallery Olympia, April 2011 <http://www.scottyong.us/>  
Charles Von Holstein at Ghost Town Gallery Olympia, May 2011  
<http://www.charlesvonholstein.com/>  
Hanging Out W/ a Purpose (Group Show) at Northern Olympia, June 2011  
Into The Wave (Group Show) at Le Voyeur Olympia, July 2011  
Hair Fantasy (Group Show) at Olyphant Olympia, August 2011  
Ruben Storey at Jackpot Olympia, September 2011  
Ben Davidson at Jackpot Olympia, November 2011  
Jonah Tropel at Jackpot Olympia, December 2011  
Scott Young at Jackpot Olympia, January 2012  
Silent Art Auction at Northern Olympia, October 2013  
Leif Lee at Northern Olympia, November 2013  
Evergreen Photo Interns (Group Show) at Northern Olympia, December 2013  
American Modernism (Group Show) at Norther Olympia, January 2014  
Life Through Glass at Northern Olympia, March 2014  
Where You'll Find Me at Northern Olympia, May 2014  
Back to Back at Dumpster Values Olympia, June 2014  
Psycho Mama at Northern Olympia, August 2014

## DESIGN

Chung Antique, Record Art/Design 2011  
GAG, Record Art/Design 2012  
Nudes, Record Art/Design 2013  
Rose Root Herbs, Tote Bag Design 2013  
Bowlmics Bowling, Tshirt Design 2013  
Sudafeds, Record Art/Design 2013  
Meter Men, Record Art/ Design 2014  
Beach Fossils, Record Art/ Design 2014  
GAG, Record Art/ Design 2014  
Broken Water, Record Art/ Design 2014  
Cairo Pythian, Record Art/ Design 2014  
Idle Minds, Record Art/ Design 2014  
Cuss Fetish, Logo Design 2014  
Little General, Mural/ Logo Design 2014  
SPF 666, Logo Design 2014  
Vexx, Tshirt Design 2014  
Freak Vibe, Tshirt Design 2014  
Back to Back, Tshirt Design 2014





# Image List

## JEAN NAGAI

Jean Nagai 1- Nirvana For Ana 12' x 26' enamel on wall (309 3rd Ave S, Seattle, WA 98104) 2012

Jean Nagai 2- The Source 7' x 9' latex on wall (The Black Lodge All Ages Venue, Seattle) 2013

Jean Naga 3- Big Painting(with Galen Riggs) 32' x 40' (South wall of Salon Refu) 2014

Jean Nagai 4- Trayvon's Rainbow 14' x 44' (The north wall of The Northern All Ages Venue, Olympia) 2013

Jean Nagai 5- The Well of Eternal Rose House 4' x 24' mixed media 2014

Jean Nagai 6- Second Sky 40' x 44' Fabric (Installed at the Capitol Press Building) 2014

## SCOTT YOUNG

Scott Young 1- PBIA Bench Project enamel on city bench (5th ave. Olympia, WA) 2012

Scott Young 2- Little General Mural on Little General latex on wall (5th ave. Olympia, WA) 2014

Scott Young 3- Olympia Mural on Capitol Theatre acrylic on wall (assisted in painting) 2012

Scott Young 4- Bandana Design for K Records ink on paper 2014

Scott Young 5-Lizard Stack watercolor on paper 2013

