



ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

2023 GRANTEE

PROJECT

Bicentennial Legends Mural Program: Etheridge Knight Mural



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Arts Council of Indianapolis



INVESTMENT

\$2,500

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Bicentennial Legends Mural Series is intended to commemorate, through civic-scale portraiture, individuals key to Indianapolis and Indiana history and culture, focusing on established Bicentennial guiding principles (History, Civic Pride, Innovation, and Legacy). The series is also intended to call attention to individuals whose contributions may have been overlooked (or deliberately denied) during their lifetime because of their race, gender, economic status, or other factors. The investment from MIBOR went to support the creation of a two-story portrait mural of Black Art Movement poet Etheridge Knight. The mural is located on the east wall of 435 Massachusetts Avenue, the building currently housing the Chatterbox Jazz Club, and has helped enhance the history, culture, and reputation of the Massachusetts Avenue Cultural District. For more information on Knight's life and legacy in Indianapolis, visit: [Etheridge Knight | Indy Arts Council](#).



IMPACT METRICS:

- Encourages Historic Preservation within a Community
- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Creates Active, Vital Downtown Destinations
- Creates Enhancements to the Streetscape
- Promotes Cultural Opportunities
- Increases Community Engagement
- Increases Access to Public Arts
- Creates Civic Engagement
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Encourages Equitable Cultural Development
- Promotes Inclusive Activation and Programming
- Brings Awareness and Importance to Historical Community Figures
- Increases Tourism Opportunities
- Promotes Unique Visitor Experiences
- Provides Additional Amenities and Events to Attract New Visitors

