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New Downtown Street Mural Completed at Battery & Bush

Community Opening of "Battery Bridge" to be held on June 8th

June 7, 2022 | San Francisco: Downtown SF, the community benefit district which serves the Financial District and Jackson Square, announced today the completion of a new 1,900 square foot on-street mural created in partnership with Tishman Speyer and San Francisco Public Works. The mural, "Estero en Movimiento", was commissioned by Talavera- Ballón, a Peruvian artist from The Mission neighborhood.

Battery Bridge is a new pedestrian plaza on Battery Street between Market and Bush Streets, which was originally closed off in 2020 as part of the Better Market Street Plan when Market Street closed to private vehicles.

"It goes without saying that the pandemic has deeply impacted us all, but now is the time to recover and create new public spaces in downtown for all to enjoy.," said Robbie Silver, executive director of Downtown SF. "People who live, work, and play in San Francisco deserve public art that reflects their stunning resilience that will not be snubbed out in the face of adversity. That sense of community pride should not only be celebrated but fostered through creating new beautiful public spaces like the newly painted Battery Bridge."

The Battery Bridge street mural is a pilot project of what's to come from the Downtown SF. The organization retained SITELAB urban studio, Bela Urbanism + Design, and Fehr & Peers on a comprehensive Public Realm Action Plan, which will focus on reimagining Downtown San Francisco and adapting its public spaces, alleys, and backstreets post-lockdown and pandemic. The plan will be unveiled in July.

Downtown SF hired San Francisco based Talavera-Ballón to make the vision of a more welcoming public space a reality. His murals can be found throughout the Bay Area at spaces like the Salesforce Transit Center, Hunters Point Boulevard, or at 25th & Mission Streets. Talavera- Ballón's latest piece and first ever on-street mural, known as Estero en Movimiento, brings the natural beauty of Drakes Estero to downtown San Francisco. The varying shades used in the piece invoke the stunning landscape created by the Pacific Ocean, forests, farmlands, marshes, and shrub-lands that make up the estuary along the Point Reyes National Seashore.

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“I want this mural to be a slice of nature in the middle of the busy Financial District,” says Talavera-Ballón. And “for people downtown to feel connected to nature through the movement of the water and clouds and fog typical to the Bay Area”.

Talavera-Ballón will be on-site to speak about the mural at the Battery Bridge Community Opening on Wednesday June 8th from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Open to the public, this event will feature Guanajuatan cuisine provided by El Pipila of La Cocina and live music by the local Latin jazz band Trio Caminos.

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About Downtown SF

Downtown SF is a 501(C)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the district’s vitality through best-in-class clean and safe programming, infrastructure enhancements, dynamic partnerships and productive marketing. Developed by a coalition of property and business owners, Downtown SF is a community benefit district that provides services to a 43-block radius in two of the oldest continuous business districts in San Francisco, Financial District (FiDi) and Jackson Square. These services include cleaning, safety, district identity and promotion, and public space activations. For more information visit www.downtownsf.org. Follow Downtown SF on Facebook (@sfdowntown), Instagram and Twitter (@sf_downtown) and LinkedIn (Downtown SF).

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