

Downtown Boca's Mizner Park Amphitheater greets guests with a vibrant 30' by 60' mural, designed by West Palm Beach artist, Eduardo Mendieta, on its closed stage doors.

Mendieta was selected among 29 artists who submitted their proposals to the city.

The design, the focal point of the high traffic north end of Mizner Park, features a musician playing a stand-up bass on the left panel and a dancer on the right whose dress morphs into an ocean wave as it drapes across the stage doors. Atop the wave is a boat with palm trees, birds and the sun in the background depicting the South Florida lifestyle. Behind the dancer is a rendering of Boca Raton's old City Hall...a nod to the history of the city. The colorful background plays with the imagery of overlapping stage lights.

"Public art beautifies the community, along with the spaces we occupy and inhabit every day," said Mendieta. "I'm proud to bring my vision to life and to make a positive impact in Boca Raton."

Originally from Union City, NJ, Eduardo Mendieta has been living in Florida for the last 26 years. His passion for the arts started at a young age, painting graffiti on abandoned buildings and walls. This opened his mind to playing with the idea of scale and design, and also the concept of public art. Now locally known as EMO for painting large-scale mural utilizing brush & roller, paint sprayer and spray paint technique, this passion developed into a blend of raw urban art and graphic design that has become his signature style.

In recent years, Eduardo has gained recognition creating many large-scale murals and curating projects in West Palm Beach and throughout South Florida. Some of the mural programs Eduardo has been a featured artist in are, 46 for XLVI Superbowl Indianapolis Mural Project; Downtown West Palm Beach Stairwell Mural Project; Northwood Village Mural Project, West Palm Beach; Downtown Hollywood Mural Project; Broward 100 Mural Project; the Walls Project, Baton Rouge; Canvas West Palm Beach and Biscayne Green, Miami. Eduardo has also painted large-scale public mural for the Cities of West Palm Beach, Lake Worth, Hallandale Beach, Ocala, Delray Beach, Bradenton, Riviera Beach, Knoxville, and Chattanooga TN. He has shown work in numerous galleries throughout South Florida, most recently part of the group show X Marks the Spot at the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County.

About the City of Boca Raton: As the second-largest city in the Palm Beaches, Boca Raton is located in the southernmost region of the county, conveniently located between two commercial airports and three international ports. A true full-service city, Boca Raton offers miles of pristine beaches, 47 beautiful parks, recreational and athletic amenities, a low tax rate, a low crime rate, cultural programs and facilities, and a wide variety of shops, restaurants, and hotels.

Consistently ranked as one of America's best cities in which to live, work, learn and play, Boca has it all. Home to three universities and more than 30 corporate headquarters, the culture of life-long learning, research and education is ingrained in the Boca Raton community. The mission of the City of Boca Raton is to provide the highest quality of programs and services to the community through responsible use of public resources to enhance the unparalleled quality of life. To learn more about the City of Boca Raton, please visit www.myboca.us.