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Media Alert



Milwaukee Muralist Singh Completes New Mural for “Brewers Rookie Training Room” “Brewers Foundation” and “Brewers Wives” Fund New Gross Motor Room and Mural for Students at Next Door Preschool

Milwaukee – (October 15, 2014) – Next Door, an early education provider serving at-risk young children in Milwaukee, is proud to announce the completion of a three-wall original mural by Milwaukee artist Rozalia Singh at their newly renovated location at 5310 West Capitol Drive in Milwaukee.

The mural was created for the new “Brewers Rookie Training Room,” a play space dedicated to gross motor development for the preschoolers in Next Door’s Head Start program. The mural, the room décor and equipment were made possible by a generous gift from the Brewers Community Foundation and the Brewers Wives Foundation.

“Brewers Community Foundation and the Brewers Wives are pleased to support Next Door,” said Brewers Community Foundation Director Cecelia Gore. “The effort that has been put into ensuring that children receive high quality early childhood education will have a significant impact on our community. We are happy that our longstanding partnership has continued in this manner.”

The public is invited to tour the school and view the room by appointment. Please call the Development office at 414-562-2929, ext. 229. Story and artist bio on page 2.

The Story:

[About Next Door](#)

Next Door has served children and families in Milwaukee’s central city since 1969. Our mission is to support the intellectual, physical, spiritual and emotional development of children so they become self-sufficient, contributing members of the community. We provide school-readiness through a high-quality early educational environment, parent engagement and a focus on family wellness. Programs: Early Head Start Home and center based and traditional Head Start programs, K(4) and K(5) charter school, and Educare of Milwaukee for children 6-weeks to 5 years. Supporting programs: Books for Kids, Adult Basic Education, and Fatherhood Enrichment. Next Door serves families bounded by Silver Spring Drive to North Avenue, and the Milwaukee River to 76th Street in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Visit us at nextdoormil.org



“I am truly grateful to be a part of this project. This mural is by far, the most challenging murals I've ever done,” said Singh. “I designed and painted three walls in five weeks. My background in caricature drawing helped me prepare for this task. I have years of practice drawing faces and capturing the essence of a person within about 5 minutes. I love the idea of multicultural children at the ball game. I want the children to see their place in this world. I wanted the mural

to showcase the joy of children, laughing, making faces, cheering, talking with friends or simply watching the game. This mural required long hours and careful planning. I spent hours at home putting together collages of children, strategically placing each child. This process ensures success in the development of the mural. At the end of each day, I was rewarded by seeing the results of my hard work. There are 129 images on the mural. I'm sure the children will have a chance to take in each image and feel special.”

The Artist:



Rozalia Singh was born Milwaukee, and grew up in the Harambee neighborhood. She majored in Commercial Art at Milwaukee Tech High School (now Bradley Tech) and has an Associate's degree in Visual Communication from MATC and a Bachelor's degree from the Illinois Institute of Art. Singh worked seasonally as a professional caricaturist for over 15 years and now paints residential and commercial murals. She also worked with her father, Reynaldo Hernandez for many years on mural projects and computer commercial art projects. In 2013, she joined Arts at Large and completed a mural in Carson Academy on 49th and Capitol Drive. She currently is a member of Young Rembrandts and teaches art class after school for Oak Creek Elementary schools. Singh lives with her husband Mohit and their two children in Oak Creek.