

CapitalTristate

OUR BUILDING ISN'T UNDER WATER-

But It Plays Host To Sea Creatures

It's something that drivers entering Baltimore notice – whales and dolphins playing (in a huge mural) on the side of a building. Owned by St. John's Properties, the building is leased by CapitalTristate; it's our Hamburg Street branch.

Importantly, the mural isn't graffiti – far from it! It's the work of artist

Robert Wyland, who began painting full-size murals of whales and other marine life on the sides of buildings in the 1980s.

By 1993, his global tour took him to Baltimore. His artwork was dramatic, startling – beautiful. He wasn't finished; before the 2008 Beijing Olympics, mural #100 was completed: A nearly

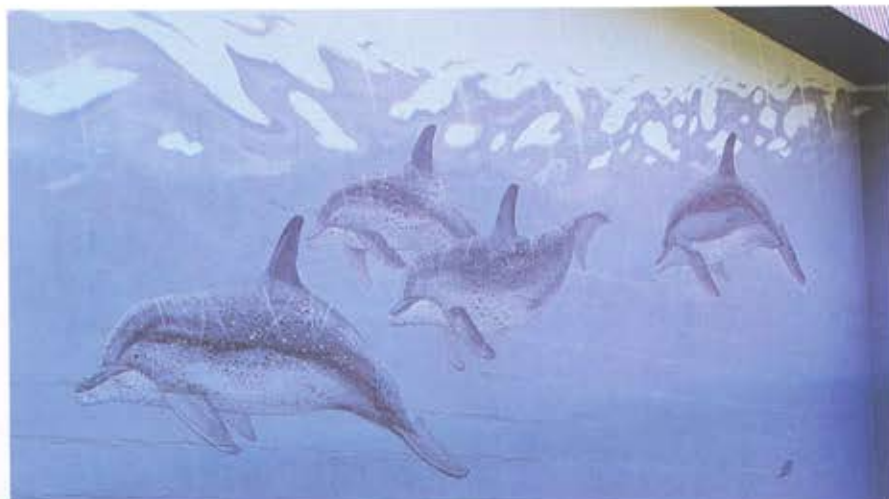


one-mile-long series of giant canvasses, completed with the help of children from more than 100 countries.

But exterior paintings aren't permanent. Especially in a place where the weather varies, the walls are hit with Sun (and heat), water (and wind) . . . snow and ice . . . and more.

By the second decade of the 21st century, the Baltimore mural was starting to show some age. A repair was in order.

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In Spring 2014, that got onto the schedule. With St. John's Properties footing the bill, the building's external beauty was restored by Baltimore-based Mural Masters, Inc. The project took several weeks (as Mural Masters scheduled its work around the weather).

The results: See the photos on these pages.

For more information:
Wyland's bio on Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Wyland

Home page for Wyland's artwork:
<http://www.wyland.com/>

Wyland Foundation – which says it has has worked (since 1993) with more than 1 million children to raise environmental awareness: <http://www.wylandfoundation.org/> ■

