

GEOFFREY M. BEVINGTON

Muralist



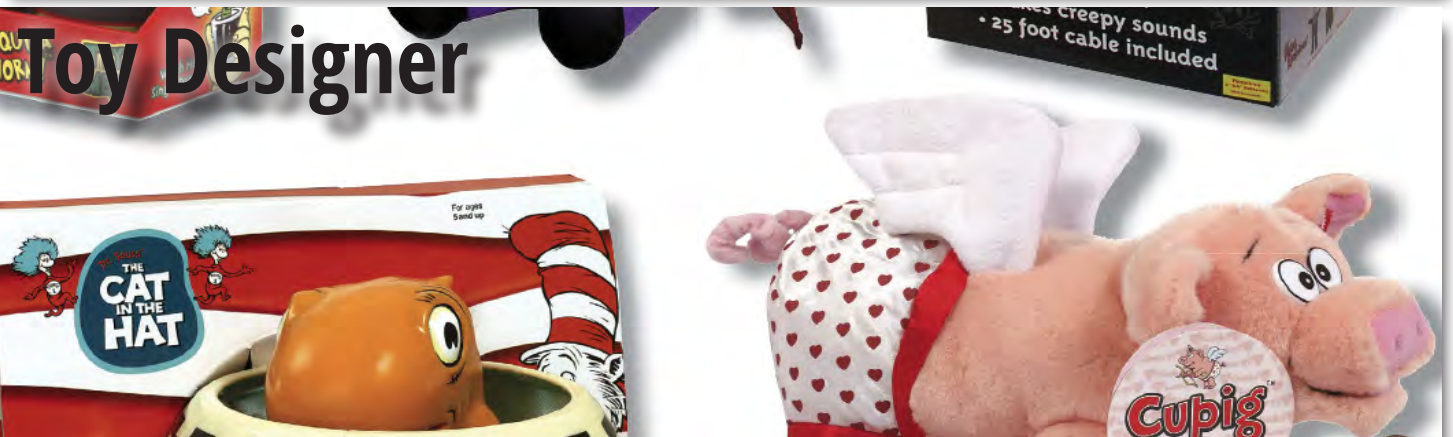
Illustrator



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Downtown Glen Ellyn, Illinois is home to a mural honoring artist **Frida Kahlo**. The 14-foot-high and 28-foot-wide mural graces the wall of Olive 'n Vinnie's, located at 449 N. Main Street. The mural was designed by Glen Ellyn's own Geoff Bevington and was painted by Bevington with some assistance by local school children on the blue background. Painted in September of 2020 using spray paint.



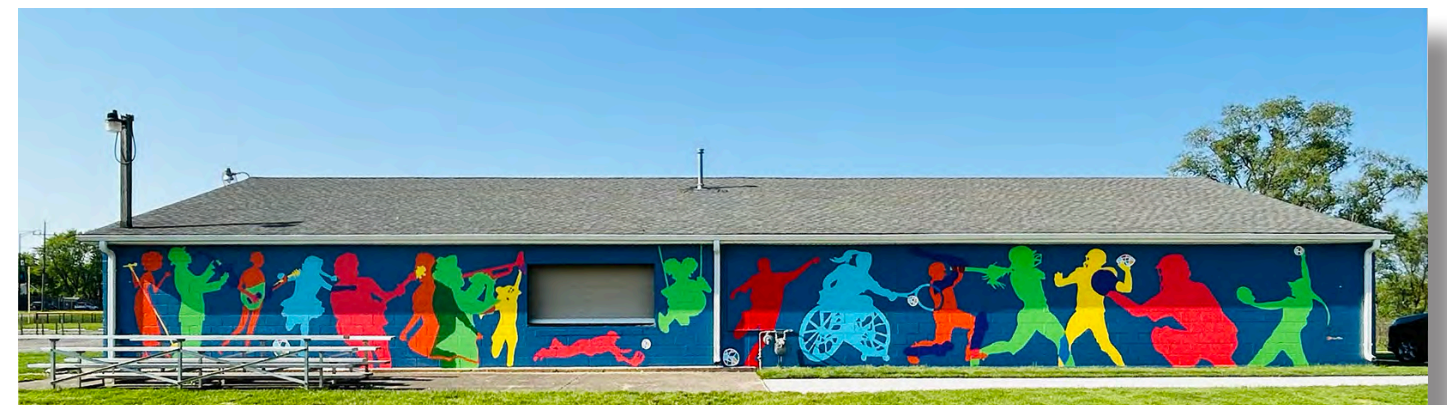
Three 36" x 36" Frida Kahlo Flower canvases, painted using spray cans and black brush outlining, in celebration of the Frida Kahlo exhibit and fundraising for College of DuPage and the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry. Paintings were auctioned off to benefit multiple charities, raising more than \$2,400.

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The Joy of Play - a mural by Geoff Bevington - completed May 2024

The Village of Hanover Park, a vibrant, multicultural community known as "America's Global Village", is home to citizens from 80 different nationalities, speaking 30+ languages. The Village's brand identity includes a multi-colored globe, representing the many cultures of the people living, working and playing in Hanover Park.

The 80-foot by 8-foot mural, painted entirely with spray paint, on the south side of the Hanover Park Sports Complex field house, is called **The Joy of Play**, a representation of the Sports, Music and Cultural activities which take place in the park. Whether playing musical instruments in the newly constructed bandshell, participating in sports such as baseball, softball, football and cricket or simply playing outside, the **people of Hanover Park celebrate the Joy of Play**.



The left side perspective represents people playing music and kids enjoying the outdoors.

The right side of the mural pictures sporting activities including soccer, wheelchair tennis, cricket, baseball, football and softball.



Hanover Park^{USA}
America's Global Village

[Click to view Hanover Park's Video of the Mural Reveal here.](#)

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Beverly Shores, Bird Town INDIANA - a mural by Geoff Bevington - completed July 2024

Beverly Shores, Indiana is the gateway to the nation's 61st National Park: The Indiana Dunes National Park, and is home to an incredibly diverse selection of birds from around North and South America.

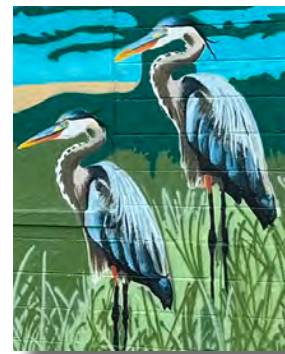
Designated by the **Indiana Audobon Society as a BIRD TOWN, INDIANA**, the town celebrates the beauty of its birds, the surrounding dunes, bogs, fens and forests. Geoff Bevington designed and painted the mural, with painting assistance from Meg Bero, Curator of the The Beverly Shores Depot Museum and Art Gallery, Miranda Szemes, Museum and Gift Shop Assistant and Kristina Knowski illustrator of the beautiful posters for the annual Indiana Dunes Birding Festival.

The project was brought to life over a 3-year period, with great help from Nancy Ruther-Schwab, Board Member and Museum Gift Shop Director.

The 41-foot x 12-foot mural's design and rendering (in spray paint and acrylic brush), with an estimated value of \$10,000 plus \$3,000 in materials, was donated by Geoff Bevington, a resident of Beverly Shores, as a gift to the community and an ideal showcase for his work. Traffic along the South Shore railroad line (1.5 million by Beverly Shores) and to the Indiana Dunes National Park (2.8 million) near the mural, is expected to top 4 million annually.



The mural features, (left to right) a Pileated Woodpecker, a Cardinal, Indigo Bunting, two Sandhill Cranes, a Baltimore Oriole and two Great Blue Herons.



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The mural is located on the North wall of Virk's Dunes Mart, along the newly renovated South Shore Electric Railroad line, across from the iconic Beverly Shores Depot and Station.



The design of the mural's background is reminiscent of the 1920s promotional South Shore posters, with the monochromatic features, highlighted by the colorful birds.

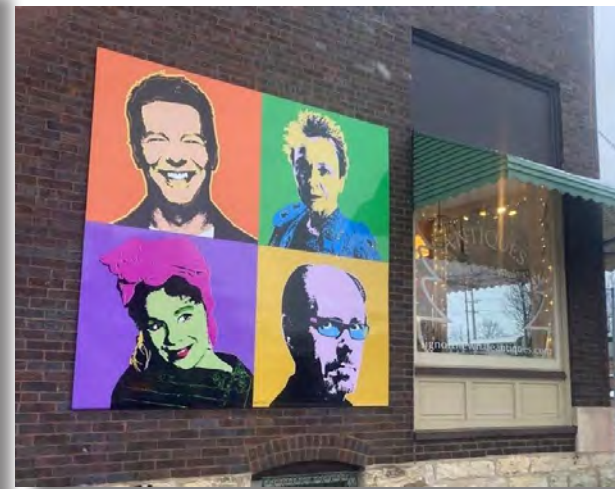


The birds were painted using spray cans, with detail, feathers and lighting achieved by the use of brushes and acrylic paint.

Muralist - Public Art

What began as a mural of 4 famous people from Glen Ellyn, created in support of the Warhol 2023 exhibition at the College of Dupage Clever Carney Museum of Art, turned into a project for 26 communities.

Geoff Bevington soon found himself creating **more than 100 images**, in the style of Andy Warhol's Pop Art, of local celebs and influencers, from those as recognizable as Bob Odenkirk, John Belushi, and Gary Sinise to others like Eleanor Himmelfarb, Marget Hamilton, and Ellen Martin, who, while not commonly known, played a role in turning DuPage County into the dynamic community it is today.



The original Glen Ellyn Famous Four, shown above, and a poster featuring more than 72 DuPage County residents, part of the Warhol2023 exhibit at the Cleve Carney Museum of Art.



Muralist - Public Art

A few of the more than 26 installations for Warhol2023 and the DuPage Pop Art Challenge.



Images, clockwise from top:

Nine Famous DuPage residents displayed at Oak Brook Mall; Roselle's finest on the front of Itasca Bank & Trust Co.; The Hanover Park Four being introduced at a ceremony by Mayor Craig.



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In 2016 Geoff traveled to Angoulême France as a representative of the Hoffman Estates Sister Cities program, creating a mural, painted by myself and school kids from across France, at the annual CNBDI International Cartoon Festival. The event included graphic novel and cartooning classes taught to grade- and middle-school students at two local schools in Angouleme.

More detailed information can be found here:

<https://www.hoffmanestates.org/Home/Components/News/News/3597/23>



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Muralist - Instructor

Geoff has painted more than 150 murals, across the USA and in two visits to France, with school children and adults helping to create the final murals. Everyone can be artistic and with a little direction, can enjoy the process of creating something they can look upon and say, "*I helped create that mural!*"

The images on this page are from the mural painted at the CNBDI Festival in the lobby of **Le Musée de la Bande Dessinée** in Angoulême, France and two graphic novel classes conducted at the **Ecole F. Buisson** and **Collège Pierre Mendès France**, Angoulême in January, 2016.



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Phil yeh and Geoff Bevington visited the U.S. capitol to paint a 53-foot semi-truck trailer in front of the Library of Congress. We painted the mural for JonesExpress, to be seen by drivers across the USA for a year. **We got a little help painting from THE 13th Librarian of Congress, James H. Billington.**



Muralist

From 1992 to 2002 Geoff served as a the Chicago Vice President and volunteer with Cartoonists Across America, founded by Phil Yeh, traveling the continental US and France, painting murals and holding events in support of Literacy and Arts Advocacy. Geoff participated in painting walls, ceilings, trash trucks and semi-tractor trailers, for **more than 150 murals**. Many of the murals in support of literacy were painted at Borders Books - sadly now lost to corporate change. **More information about Cartoonists Across America can be found here: <https://www.wingedtiger.com/>**



Borders Book Store, Deerfield, IL

*Municipal Recycling Truck
Northampton, MA*



*Borders Book Store
Houston, TX*

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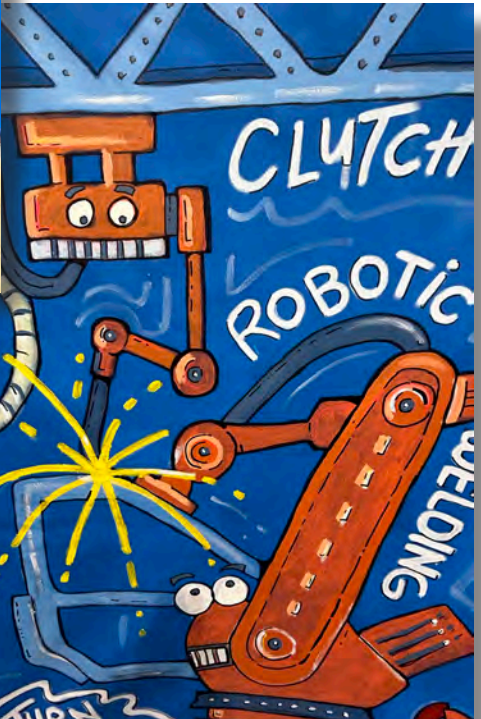
Borders Book Store
Houston, TX



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Geoff was hired as a Live Muralist, to paint an 8x10 foot backdrop during the **FABTECH 2023** tradeshow at McCormick Place, in the booth of Torque Technologies, Inc. an exhibitor from Bradenton, Florida.

Painted over a 3-day period, 5 hours per day, the mural and live painting were a hit and the mural is now on tour at various trade shows in the metal forming industry.



Illustrator

Steve the Dog and The Winged Tiger, written by Phil Yeh and illustrated by Geoff Bevington and Phil Yeh with coloring by Lieve Jerger. A great book about putting your phones, video games and TV remote down and going outside to explore, in this case the City of Chicago. The first of two books in the series, including *Steve the Dog and The Winged Tiger in Singapore*. Full-color, 32-page, hard cover book.

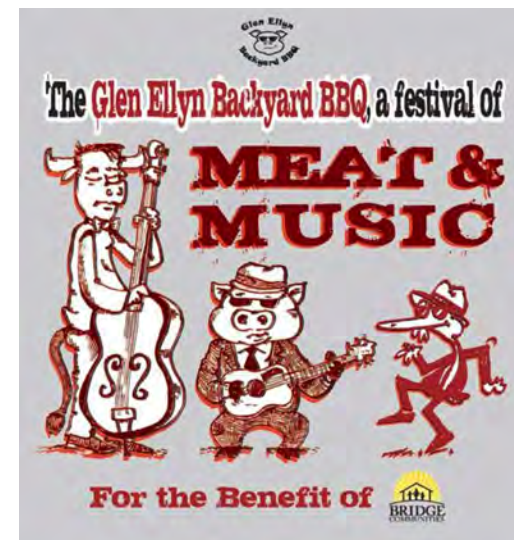


Special signed and numbered limited edition of 1,500 copies. Spring 2010

Illustrator



Steve the Dog discovered how many different types of restaurants and bakeries there were in the city of Chicago. He could make friends with folks from all over the world and also learn to become a chef or write a cookbook or have his own cooking show. He could even become famous for making chocolate chip cookies!



Geoff has designed and illustrated the t-shirts and marketing of the Glen Ellyn Backard BBQ since 2016.



And that's how Steve the Dog became a Renaissance dog who is never bored because he is always doing things and going places with his friend Dot.

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Character design and Cartooning

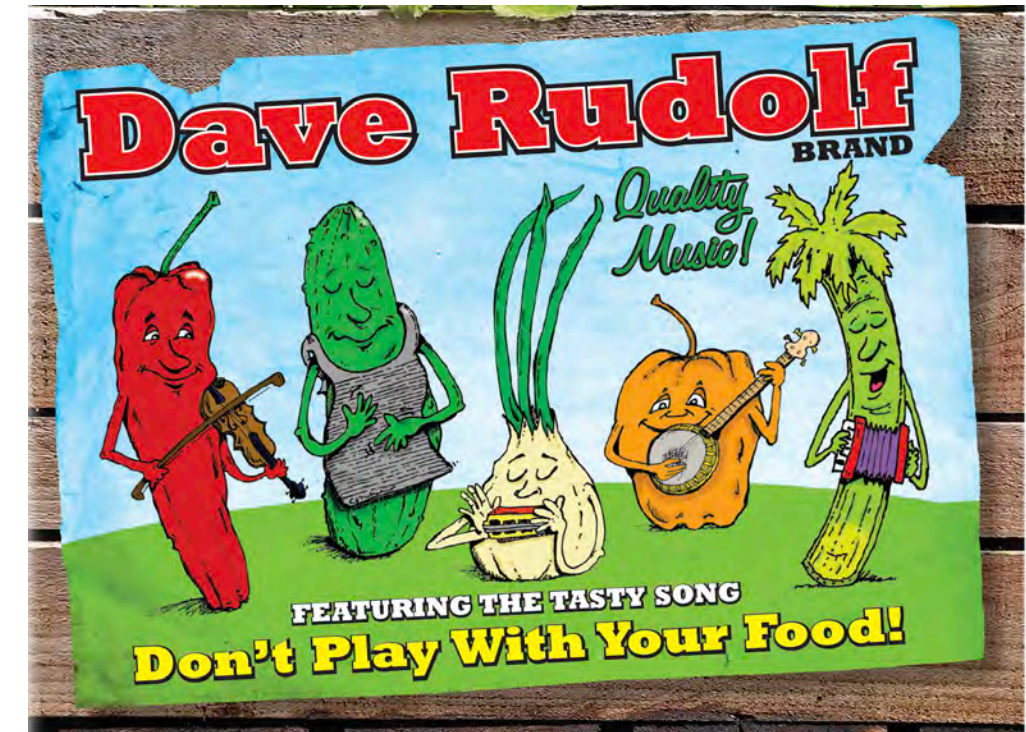
Geoff has been designing and creating cartoon characters since 1986, for myself and others, including Cowvis™, Barnabee the Bee™, The Balloonatiks™ and Dave Rudolf and Friends.



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A cartoon illustration of Glen Ellyn's Cardboard Boat Regatta at the Lake Ellyn boathouse, from the book *Steve the Dog and The Winged Tiger in Singapore*.



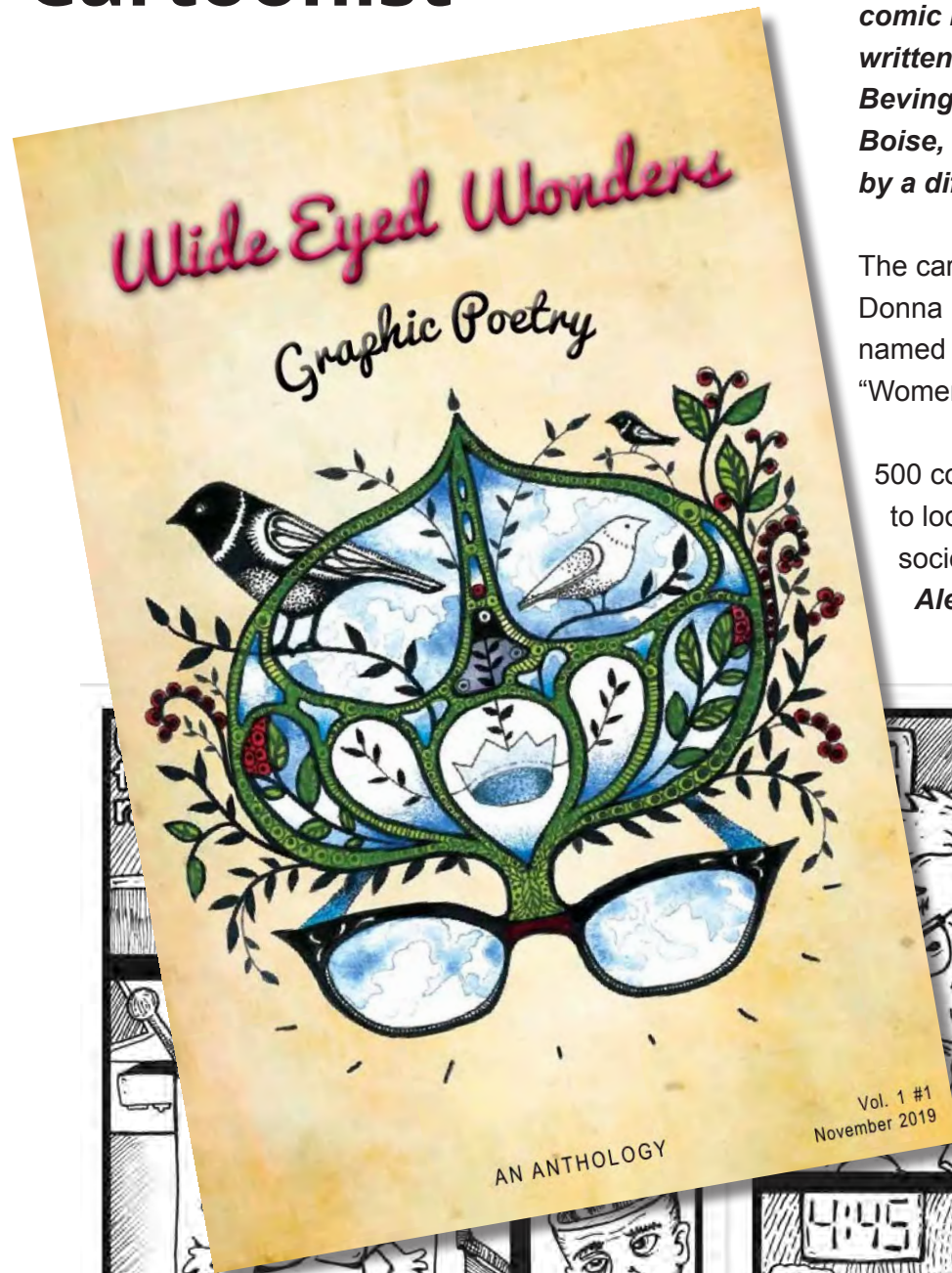
One of 25 Album Covers illustrated for Grammy Award-winning children's entertainer, Dave Rudolf.

Cartoonist

In 2019 Geoff self-published a 34-page comic book, containing nine poems, written by his younger sister, Carolyn Bevington, an award-winning poet from Boise, Idaho. Each poem was illustrated by a different cartoonist.

The cartoonists included Jim Siergey, Donna Barr, Phil Yeh and Roberta Gregory named among the *New York Times* "Women Cartoonists to Watch" in 2019.

500 comic books were distributed to local schools, literary and poetry societies, with a grant from the *Alexa Rose Foundation*.



Toy Designer

As Creative Director and Partner in *Tekky Toys* (now Tekky Designs) for 6+ years, Geoff was responsible for creating more than 150 unique animated plush toys and the associated packaging, including (clockwise from top left) *Tequila Worm*, *Pull My Finger® Count Fartula™*, *The Flying Ghost*, *CuPig*, and *The Fish in the Pot* for the movie *The Cat in The Hat*.



<https://www.scribd.com/document/521367222/Wide-Eyed-Wonders-Graphic-Poetry-Anthology>

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Summer 2023 Artist Spotlight by Debbie Venezia | Director of Arts DuPage | debbie@dupagefoundation.org

While many may not recognize him by name, Bevington is arguably the most prolific visual artist in DuPage County today. He is the mastermind behind the Andy Warhol Pop Art Challenge: 15 Minutes of Fame murals that are popping up throughout DuPage County in tandem with the opening of *Andy Warhol Portfolios: A Life in Pop | Works from the Bank of America Collection* on loan through the Art in our Communities® program. The exhibition includes 94 works created by the iconic artist on display at the Cleve Carney Museum of Art at the McAninch Arts Center (MAC), through September 10.

Bevington, whose business card could read: marketing agency owner, graphic designer, international mural artist, author, cartoonist, illustrator, editor, innovator, inventor, educator, literacy and arts activist, and workaholic, began his relationship with the MAC in 2020 when he first learned of the Frida Kahlo exhibit scheduled to open in June 2021. A firm believer in the “If you want something, ask for it” philosophy, Bevington created a Kahlo-themed mural concept for MAC Director Diana Martinez, who embraced the project and moved it forward. A year later, the completed mural appeared on the north wall of Olive ‘n Vinnie’s in Glen Ellyn, welcoming more than 100,000 visitors who came to see the *Frida Kahlo: Timeless* exhibit.

Wanting to be a part of the MAC’s second world-class exhibition, the Glen Ellyn-based artist again approached Martinez with his vision: a mural featuring four notables from the community recreated in Warhol’s signature pop art style. Bevington selected images of Glen Ellyn personalities Sean Hayes, Laurie Anderson, Katherine Dunham, and Jeffery Deaver, manipulated them digitally through a labor-intensive and meticulous process, and arranged them in a fashion reminiscent of Warhol’s silkscreen prints of Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley, and Chairman Mao.

Once again, Martinez gave an enthusiastic thumbs up and soon, 23 communities (and counting) accepted the challenge. Bevington found himself Warholizing more than 100 images of local celebs and influencers, from those as recognizable as Bob Odenkirk, John Belushi, and Gary Sinise to others like Eleanor Himmelfarb, Marget Hamilton, and Ellen Martin, who, while not commonly known, played a role in turning DuPage County into what it is today.

The ubiquitous public art pieces are installed at various locations countywide and will be accessible for the duration of the Warhol exhibit. Some will be removed immediately; others will remain in place to pay homage to the featured personalities. Wheaton College announced that the mural would become part of its permanent collection in honor of Jonathan Blanchard, the college’s first president.

“As I’ve been creating each of these portraits, I’ve been struck by how powerful this simple idea has become,” said Bevington. **“Public art is extremely important for many reasons, not the least of which is building a stronger, more vibrant community.** The work I’m doing to create the portraits AND help with the marketing of Warhol 2023 combines every aspect of my creative, marketing and organizational passions in an extremely gratifying package.”

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