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**Youth Art Works students work with local artist to create
a large-scale mural at 20th and Jackson**
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Throughout the next two weeks, six students from Pratt Fine Arts Center's *Youth Art Works* program will work with local artist Derek Wu to create a large-scale mural on the front of Pratt's "Orange Building," located at 20th and Jackson.

These aspiring young artists, aged 11 – 14, will come together each evening from 6 – 8:30 pm to complete the project, which is intended to beautify Pratt's exterior, promote awareness of the organization in the community and establish a presence on Jackson Street.

The mural project will also provide a number of neighborhood teenagers with an opportunity to grow as artists and share evidence of that growth to their community through the public display of their work. Students, working alongside a professional artist, will approach the project with professionalism and gain an understanding of what it is like to work on a commissioned project.

The concept for the Mural was developed by freelance illustrator, graphic designer and muralist Derek Wu. It is intended to represent the unleashing of a child's inner vision and celebrate their ability to influence the world around them with their creativity.

A public dedication celebrating the project will be held Friday, August 20th from 6 – 7 pm.