





ArtAbility Studio was asked to design and paint a mural for the Art Park across from the Civic Center in downtown Lima as part of the Streetscape Project. This was a huge project, and Jonathan Honaker, artist at ArtAbility took on a leadership role in this project. Here, in Jonathan's own words is the process that went into making this mural:

"When asked to do a mural of what downtown was to me, I had to do some digging. I went around and looked at what downtown was now and where we came from. To my amazement, a lot has changed! I knew it was going to be hard to get a lot of my ideas on paper. I did not want to have it just my ideas. I wanted all of the ArtAbility artist's ideas. So I went to everyone at ArtAbility and asked a simple question—"What is Lima to you?" Each of them came up with something different. Then, I noticed something—all of these buildings in downtown have been around for a long time. Lima has changed, but yet again, it has not. Lima is still Lima with a new face every now and again. So I wanted to show things as a past, present and future with the same buildings in every age. I wanted to show the transformation by using the ideas from the artists. With the help of a friend, I was able to put the idea from paper to mural. Then came the longest process—painting. I wanted to keep the painting as simple as I could without over-doing parts of it. Using bold, bright colors, I wanted whoever was walking by or driving by to want to stop and look. I also wanted the mural to have a flow that shows past, present and future as one whole BUT in a sense, apart."