

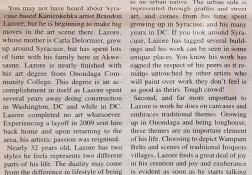
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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT **Brandon Lazore**





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a traditional Onkwehonwe, and living as an urban native. The urban side is represented through graffiti and street cuse, Lazore has tagged several buildunique places. You know his work has will paint over work they don't feel is

Second, and far more important to Lazore is work he does on canvases and up in Onondaga and being longhouse, of his life. Choosing to depict Wampum





Above: Brandon Lazore stands with Ithaca Mayor Svante Myric, both holding Lazore's win ning proposal painting Right: Self Portrait 2013.

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about it, with his cool, calm demeanor tion. I don't even know who the guy is, shifting to overdrive, his enthusiasm is infectious. Lazore spoke on the two art styles and to be mine and I had to win th said, "For me it's kinda like two dif- At the time I was doing the ferent worlds. With the Onkwehonwe art, there is more of a meaning to it, ya know? With the graffiti art it's more of just fun time.'

paint a mural in the city of Ithaca, New sorts of projects. Lazore is available for York. Consulting with Cayuga Chiefs, the city asked what should be painted traits or custom work. We joked but he on the mural. The specifics became the said, "If you want Ninja Turtles, I will detail for the competition, and Lazore's paint Ninja Turtles on your wall." You design was selected as the winner.

"Some guy saw the painting of the yahoo.com wampum belt I did, and then he sent me a link to the flyer for the competi-

even to this day. As soon as I saw it, I jumped all over it, I had to do it. It had to be mine and I had to win that contest. painting and this was right up my al-

ley," Lazore said. Lazore is a great artist whose career

is just taking off, and as he says art Recently Lazore won a contest to doesn't pay, so he is working on all any type of project, from murals to por-







Finished mural at Ithaca bus stop

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