



Title: A Tribute To Our Heritage

Catalog Number: LPA2

Artist: Millard Sheets

Date: 1986

Location: Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 MacDavis Lane, Lubbock TX, 79401; (806) 775-2242.

Description: A large mural depicting key components of Lubbock and its surrounding area's history and culture. The mural shows cattle, cotton, an oil pump, the cityscape, a church, a windmill, a theater production, a dance, a band, a pianist, a multiethnic group of people, a teacher and her students, a mother and child and a cowboy among other things.

History: Millard Sheets was born, raised and educated in southern California. He studied at Chouinard Art Institute where he also began teaching while still a third-year student. He was a member of the executive committee that ran the local PWAP, the first New Deal art project. He also was one of 15 artists chosen nationally to paint murals in the Department of the Interior in

Washington D.C. During World War II he traveled to India and Burma as a war artist for Life magazine. From the late 1930s until 1995 he headed the art departments at Scripps College and Claremont Graduate School. In 1953 he became director of Otis Art Institute (now Otis/Parsons), and while in that position created a new official seal for the County of Los Angeles. For more than 27 years, beginning in 1952, Sheets designed the buildings and accompanying artistic decoration (often in collaboration with Susan Hertel and Denis O'Connor), for offices of Home Savings of America throughout California. He died in 1989.

Works Cited: LA Murals. <http://www.lamurals.org/MuralistPages/SheetsM.html>

Civic Lubbock Inc. <http://www.civiclubbock.com/>

Wikipedia: Millard Sheets. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millard_Sheets

Other artwork by artist/places exhibited: For an extensive list please look at <http://www.lamurals.org/MuralistPages/SheetsM.html>

Material: Watercolor and linen.

Dimensions: 13.5' x 26'

Condition: 1

Owned By: The City of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2000, Lubbock, TX 79457, (806) 775-3000.

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