



## DRAGON SCHOOL 99 / MURAL TOUR

### Mural Tour Highlights

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### Additional Murals

-  444 Harrison Street
  -  764 Alice Street
  -  11th & Webster
  -  11th & Harrison
  -  Jackson Between 10th & 11th
  -  262 12th Street
-  10th Between Madison and Oak
  -  Harrison Street
  -  Between 11th and 12th
  -  12th & Alice
  -  911 East 12th Street

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Dragon School is a 501(c)3 organization based in Oakland's Chinatown that provides youth and artists a unique place to experiment with street-art and public murals. Dragon School's method re-imagines the neighborhood as a shared culture of art, where unity is strengthened by diversity.

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**Welcome to Oakland's Chinatown, an important part of the fabric of Oakland since the 1850s! On this walking tour, you will experience some of the best murals created by Dragon School 99.**

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Luke Dragon founded Dragon School 99 in 2014 with the objective to paint 99 dragons in and around Oakland's Chinatown. The number 99 is an important and lucky number in Chinese culture. Beginning with one mural on the side of the community center the core Dragon School team and others took only 3 months to paint the original 99 dragons!

On this walking tour, you will experience only a few of the murals created by Dragon School 99.

If you can spend more time exploring you will find all of the Dragon School 99 murals noted on the map. As you travel the route you will discover your favorite murals and experience the excitement and energy of the neighborhood.

This mural tour is a BARTable event!



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### 8th & Madison

If coming from the Lake Merritt BART station start your tour at Madison Park where you may see neighborhood residents practicing Tai Chi, doing early morning exercise or playing badminton. Look for the utility box covered with fantastical monkey and ox mural.

### 8th & Jackson

The Buddhist Church of Oakland, 835 Jackson Street was founded in 1900. The Obon Festival, which occurs in August and celebrates the spirits of one's ancestors, is a free and popular event.

### 7th & Jackson

As you pass Quach's Locksmith look behind you to see the beautiful Chinese maiden.

### 6th & Jackson

Here is a concentration of work and many of the murals are larger in scale. You may want to try to view them from across the street first, and then get closer to see the intricate detail. Look for the white dragon, painted by Eugor, and the rabbit koi by e47art.

### Along 7th Street

On Quach's Choice Teas building look for the mural collaboration with Mexico City-based crew "Illegal Squad" with their tag in front of outlines of several dragons. Pass the Chinese Garden Park and its traditional architecture.

### 7th & Harrison

Look left as you cross the street to see a phoenix and colorful dragon. The full-color dragons may take several hours to paint. In a parking lot, you will see a smaller piece

inspired by Native American culture by Felicia Gabaldon. Another important mural is across 7th Street on Harrison of Sun Wukong, also known as the Monkey King. The Monkey King possesses supernatural powers and knows how to cast spells.

### Along 7th Street

Look left to see two multicolor dragons and a large black and white mural. Look right, across the street to New Tin's Market to see a mural of a young Chinese girl painted by Albine F2C. Look for the abstract work representing the Chinese Zodiac painted by Norm.

**Just down 7th Street** from New Tin's Market there is another concentration of murals in a parking lot. Look for *Dream of Something Beautiful* by Missy M Toyz. Take note of the Ai Weiwei mural by Dragon School 99 artist Steven Anderson.

### 8th & Webster

Turn right and head north along Webster to 8th Street. Look for the happy cat and gorilla created in collaboration with 3AYEM.

### 10th & Webster

Turn right on 10th and look for the colorful dragons and octopus.

### 10th & Harrison (on Harrison)

Alongside the multi-color dragons you will find two special paintings. Look up above 923 Harrison to see Guan Yu, the Lord of War, a general that served a warlord during the Eastern Han Dynasty. As is tradition, he is portrayed with a red face and a green cloak. He was deified and you will find small shrines to him in traditional Chinese shops and restaurants.

### 10th & Harrison

You will find two murals on Kim Huong Restaurant that were created in partnership between Dragon School 99, Cloe Rubenstein and Lisa Brewer. Panda mural by Ekke!

### 10th Between Harrison and Alice

Stop at Lincoln Square Park if you have children with you. The mural on the community center was painted by Luke Dragon, founder of Dragon School 99, and the first mural to begin the 99 Dragons project. The dragons and phoenix symbolize husband and wife and the monarch butterflies symbolize the migration of the native Chinese to Oakland. The mountains in the background of the mural are representative of the Guilin area of southern China. Look for the 8 lanterns tree mural, also located on the community center.

### 11th & Webster

On Webster, between 10th and 11th you will find three murals by female muralists. Oakland native Amina Lei hand painted the purple and pink billowing silk motif with chrysanthemums. Look for a piece by Lina Savage that features Chang-E, the Goddess of the Moon, painted in honor of the Mid-Autumn Festival. Look closely and you will see the moon-cakes! Just to the left of the Goddess of the Moon is a dragon painted by Ariel when she was 11 years old.

### 11th & Alice

Slightly off of the path, but worth a look, are the goddesses on the side of the building on Alice just off of 11th.

### 10th & Madison

Look for the fence painted with golden dragons amongst temples and gray-haired elders.

### 10th Between Jackson and Madison

This street has another large concentration of murals and you will find them IF you look carefully! Look for a Buddhist Tara in black and white, orange tigers, dragons, roosters, cranes, pandas, rats and monkeys. Space man by Sidemestro and boy studying by Derps.

### 10th & Madison

Turn right and begin your journey back to your starting point. But don't miss the crowing red rooster by Steven Anderson, the tropical paradise with pink flowers and the black and white dragon with a girl by Dante Orpilla on the side of the Reliable Laundromat. If you look up you might see the tiger with a skull.

### 8th & Madison

This concludes the walking tour. Oakland Art Murmur and Dragon School 99 thank you for enjoying the mural work that makes Chinatown and Oakland special. Remember, the murals are always changing so what you see today may be different the next time you walk through Chinatown. Come back soon!