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# Phoenix Convention Center hosts Phoenix Phabulous History Murals and the story of Phoenix

The Phoenix Convention Center proudly hosts the Phoenix Phabulous History Mural, an indoor mural series telling the story of Phoenix in nine time periods.

From the early Hohokam civilization to the imagined future, 16 large painted murals capture notable events throughout Phoenix history as told by historians, researchers, authors and residents of all ages. Local artists created intricate paintings about their assigned time periods to depict major Phoenix landmarks, leaders, issues and urban legends.

"The collection reflects commitment by talented local artists to learn about, and illustrate the unique and dramatic story of Phoenix," said Carol Poore, president and producer of the Phoenix Phabulous Experience. "The murals create unique opportunities to show the fortitude it took to create a desert community, and our storytelling gathers people who share fascinating personal stories about their connections to our city and aspirations for its future."

The murals were created during a two-year period and included storytelling events focused on each of the nine time periods. Local artist Hugo Medina served as curator and project advisor.

One of the many unique pieces include a mural created by artist Darrin Armijo-Wardle, which depicts Phoenix pioneers during territorial and early statehood years. The mural provides a glimpse into the life of the city's founding pioneers, water stewardship, and perseverance to build a community while surviving hot weather and periods of drought and floods.

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Other murals feature iconic eras of air conditioning and shift from agriculture to industry after World War II, Phoenix high-rise development and glimpses of the imagined future.

The mural collection can be seen in the Phoenix Convention Center West Building Arcade, 100 N. Third St., First Floor. The exhibit is open during business hours, Monday through Friday, only when events and conventions are not scheduled in that area.

For more information about the Phoenix Phabulous History Mural and storytelling program, visit PhoenixPhabulousExperience.com.

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### **About Phoenix Phabulous Experience**

Phoenix Phabulous Experience™ is a placemaking and storytelling organization designed to bring people and cultures together to celebrate the urban core of Phoenix – showcasing the sixth-largest city in the United States through storytelling, art and technology. Phoenix Phabulous Experience™ encourages civic engagement and family-friendly fun, forging community-based collaboration through its productions and community dialogues.

## Photos of the Phoenix Phabulous History Mural at Phoenix Convention Center





