Local Legends: Incredible Street Art Pieces From 15 Countries

Beautiful, awe-inspiring and meaningful — find out where these notable art works stand and what inspired them.

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One of the best things about street art is its accessibility — it’s visible to anyone, at any time, all around the world. With the launch of Perrier’s Limited Edition Street Art bottles, we compiled some notable street art pieces from around the world, to show that this global phenomenon spans countries, cultures and continents. Keep reading to see some of the most beautiful and meaningful pieces around the world.

Israel

Location: Tel Aviv
Name of Artist(s)/Art Work: Dede, “FIX”
Why this work is important or well-known? The band-aid is Dede’s most known icon, which with he wishes to heal and recover the alienated urban landscape. You can find it all around Tel Aviv, as well as in other cities worldwide.
New York

Location: Houston and Bowery
Name of Artist(s)/Art Work: Maya Hayuk
Why this work is important or well-known? The artist spent more than a week hand-painting the entire wall during the Polar Vortex to fill the iconic street corner with bright colors during a very, very cold winter. The vibrant patterns are layered and intricate — the details seem to multiply as you look closer. Additionally, the technique of dripping the paint has added another level of detail to the wall and to the ground below, especially when it was still snow covered.

Canada
Location: Toronto, Kensington Market
Name of Artist(s)/Art Work: Misha Hunter, BACON and Rony
Why this work is important or well-known? This incredible mural is in Toronto’s Kensington Market, a neighbourhood filled with eclectic art, tucked-away vintage stores and some of the best people-watching the city has to offer. It lives right by the entrance, letting you know that you’re about to enter a world where things (and people) are slightly more colorful. It’s also an incredible old school/new school mash-up, blending the style of Czech master Mucha with the flair of modern day street art. Also, let’s be honest: it’s just straight up beautiful.

Panamá

Location: Panamá City, Addison House Building On Samuel Lewis Avenue
Name of Artist(s)/Art Work: La Remedios, Wtges, Gennaro R. And Insano, “Panamá Flora y Fauna”
Why this work is important or well-known? This work had a great impact on street art in Panamá. For the first time four artists were called to collaborate in painting Addison House, an upscale furniture store in Panamá City. Since this piece was finished a couple Of months ago, street Art in Panamá has earned more respect.
Lebanon

*Location:* Beirut, Gouraud Street in Gemmayze  
*Name of Artist(s)/Art Work:* Yazan Halwani, “Fairuz”  
*Why this work is important or well-known?* The Fairuz Graffiti by Yazan Halwani is one of the displays that people go looking for around Beirut. The artist chose her as a figure to portray in his art because she is one of Lebanon’s most prominent and influential singers of all-time, known for her expressive lyrics and unforgettable songs.

Germany

*Location:* Paderborn  
*Name of Artist(s)/Art Work:* Herman, “Friedensengel”
Why this work is important or well-known? Very special with this kind of art is that since 2008 it “changes” every day as you can give your voice for peace. Beside the painting there is a button to push in order to give your vote for peace. In his left hand the angel holds a rose which stands for love and his right hand asks for silence.

Miami

Location: Wynwood Walls
Name of Artist(s)/Art Work: Shepard Fairey
Why this work is important or well-known? The Wynwood Walls have become a staple in the Miami art community, and Shepard Fairey’s wheat-pasted mural has become one of the most iconic pieces in the collection. The Wynwood Walls was a concept created by Tony Goldman, who used the project as a way to transform the warehouse district in Wynwood into the premier...
art district in Miami that it is today. Fairey’s participation the project and the proximity of the piece, viewable from Second Avenue, played a crucial role in the fame and success of the Wynwood project.

Brazil

*Location:* São Paulo, Beco do Batman (Batman’s Alley)
*Name of Artist(s)/Art Work:* Flávio Rossi
*Why this work is important or well-known?* There’s no better artwork to define “Beco do Batman” than a Batman. It all started in the ’80s, when a Batman drawing showed up there. Since then, the name “Beco do Batman (Batman’s alley)” was given to the place, and many other artists started to fill it with art. This piece is Flavio Rossi’s homage to the place.
Russia

*Location:* Moscow  
*Name of Artist(s)/Art Work:* Kobra  
*Why this work is important or well-known?* Maya Plisetskaya is a ballet legend — her skill and talent was off the charts and many movies and books were made in her honor. Brazilian artist Kobra created a massive portrait for her 88th birthday. The work depicts the ballerina’s elegance and amazing energy.

South Korea

*Location:* Gyeonggido Museum of Modern Art  
*Name of Artist(s)/Art Work:* XEVA, “Imagine”  
*Why this work is important or well-known?* It’s meaningful because it’s the first street art piece to be exhibited at a national museum in Korea.
New Zealand

Location: Auckland, CBD
Name of Artist(s)/Art Work: Benjamin Work, “Tu’i oe gaahi Tu’i”
Why this work is important or well-known? This mural is an extension of a recent body of work exhibited titled “I see red, I see red, I see red,” in which the artist researched the importance placed on Kula (red) Uli (black) in Tongan culture through the use of ancient motif. This importance can also be seen today with the alignment with Kula and Uli in sports teams, street gangs and Christian beliefs in forgiveness.
Spain

_Location:_ Barcelona, Sant Adria del Besos  
_Artist:_ El Pez  

*Why this work is important or well-known?* Pez (Fish) is a graffiti artist from Barcelona and the founder of the Happy Style. He’s been spreading smiles around the world with his walls since 1999.
United Arab Emirates

Location: Dubai, Jumeirah Beach Road  
Artist: Ruben Sanchez  
Why this work is important or well-known? It’s the first piece of street art that’s very visible (albeit commissioned), in Dubai’s streets. Street art is starting to become popular, but ‘tagging’ doesn’t really exist here.

Los Angeles

Location: 6th and Spring  
Artist: Robert Varga, “Our Lady of Downtown LA”  
Why this work is important or well-known? Besides its enormous size and central location in downtown L.A. (DTLA), this is the most well-known piece by Robert Vargas. He is an artist known for creating portraits live on the street during the monthly DTLA Art Walk, painting large murals in or on buildings around DTLA (including one in mariachi plaza which aided in overturning a ban on public murals). Our Lady, like the majority of his pieces, pay homage to the history, culture and people of L.A., especially DTLA.
UK

Location: London, Mayfair’s Brunton Lane
Artist: Banksy

Why this work is important or well-known? This is one of Banksy’s ‘shop till you drop’ pieces. It’s located on the side of a derelict building and shows a woman desperately trying to cling on to a shopping trolley as she falls to the ground. The trolley is laden with what appears to be a wine bottle, necklace and purse, and she seems powerless to control her materialistic lifestyle.