



This mural is located near SAP Center where the San Jose Sharks play. Close to the stadium, Diridon Station is one of the major commuter hubs in the South Bay.

Title: Unknown  
Source: FindMASA.com  
Location: 101 Delmas Ave.  
Photo by: @jayashima78





This mural is a reflection of the fanatic support the local NHL team receives.

On the left, the mural shows a snippet of the San Jose skyline that includes City Hall and the Bank of America Building.

On the right, the mural shows a “deconstructed” shark that is meant to evoke fear amongst rival fans that visit the city during a hockey game.

Title: Unknown  
Source: FindMASA.com  
Location: 131 Stockton Ave.  
Photo by: @jayashima78





This mural is located in the midtown section of Downtown San Jose. This is a small neighborhood called Willow Glen.

This Mural is located in the main street of Willow Glen. Here, there are a multitude of businesses that are locally owned and operated.

During the summer, this street is closed and it features festivals that are free for all San Jose residents.

Title: Unknown  
Source: FindMASA.com  
Location: 1129 Lincoln Ave.  
Photo by: @jayashima78





This mural is located on 10 Almaden Boulevard. It is just right next to the Hotel De Anza.

The message of "Vida Abundante" shows a beautiful Latina next to a cornucopia filled with gorgeous produce.

However, the homeless residents of the surrounding area would not define their life as abundant as the mural states.

Title: Unknown  
Source: FindMASA.com  
Location: 10 Almaden Boulevard  
Photo by: @jayashima78





Throughout Japan Town, one can come across many murals such as this one.

Japanese culture is relevant to movies and TV among other contributions.

This mural shows an iteration of King Kong, the giant ape that has been immortalized in movies since the black and white era of film.

The mural itself, is located in one of the cleanest most beautiful neighborhoods in San Jose.

Title: Unknown  
Source: FindMASA.com  
Location: 702 So. 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Photo by: @SoberScahef





The Santo Market is a locally owned and operated business in the Japan Town neighborhood of San Jose.

The market provides local residents with a variety of goods and food such as poke, mochi, loco moco plates, and other Japanese and Pacific Islander products.

The mural outside of the market is an homage to Katsushika Hokusai's "Kanagawa oki nami ura" commonly known as

Title: Santo Market  
Source: FourSquare.com  
Location: 245 E Taylor St.  
Photo by: Foursquare





The mural to the right has no title. However, the fun and creative way in which the artist has designed the treehouse by using a Samurai headpiece is simply exquisite.

Interestingly, the mural is located in an empty lot. The lot, has been empty for at least a couple years. Despite that, no one has vandalized the mural. The community maintains the surrounding areas clean, thus keeping these works of art vibrant years after they have been painted.

Title: Unknown  
Source: FindMASA.com  
Location: 170 Jackson St.  
Photo by: @jayashima78





This mural is located in one of Japan Town's most historic gift shops.

Muralist artist, Nsego with the assistance of Juan Carlos, Jen, and William painted this mural over the course of a week working between 12 to 15 hours per day.

The piece titled "Little Joy" the ideal piece to place on the side of a gift shop. The mural was completed in 2015. To date, it still holds its vibrant colors when you drive northbound on Taylor St.

Title: Unknown  
Source: FindMASA.com  
Location: 140 Jackson St.  
Photo by: @jayashima78





This mural is a special one because it can bring those that are familiar with the characters depicted in the mural back to their childhood. Although the characters are Japanese in origin.

A fun fact about television in Latin America is that during the 1980s and 1990s Japanese shows were widely accessible to children. As a result, many Latinos will find this image to be fond.

Title: Coffee & a Stroll con M Amor  
Source: Pierre's iPhone  
Location: 318 Jackson St.  
Photo by: Brian Cocar





The goal of this photo essay was to provide the viewers with a side of San Jose that is often overlooked.

Although San Jose, CA is the heart of Silicon Valley where tech advancements are abound, artists are also abound, and they are making their mark on every wall around the city.

Through the simple act of walking, individuals can find more about their neighborhoods, and, by extension, other cultures.

Thank you.

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