

Frozen Dreams by Blake Williams

Frozen Dreams is a 9' by 42' mural located at the Max Bell Arenas (1001 Barlow Trail) in southeast Calgary.

The mural celebrates both the amateur hockey player and the core experience of the game. This celebration, which the artist feels is "reflective of our search for physical and spiritual health", was achieved through screen-printing a combination of text, archival photographs and graphics with photo-images, onto vitrified ceramic tile.



The Artist

Blake Williams is a Vancouver-based artist with numerous public art commissions in British Columbia and Alberta.

In his own words, Williams states that his "art practice continues to explore aspects of both human aspiration and inspiration within the framework of the urban environment. I am interested in the relationship between our constructed world, both physically and metaphorically, and the natural place that surrounds and informs us."

The Project

- Williams was commissioned following an open call process, where all interested artists are invited to submit an application for the project.
- The artist budget for *Frozen Dreams* was \$50,000.
- The public art project was a collaborative initiative by the Public Art Program and City of Calgary Recreation.
- The capital project which provided the funding for this public art project was the 2007 renovations to the Max Bell Centre, designed to address the increased recreational needs of Calgarians.
- This public art project was completed in 2008.