

Selfie Scavenger Hunt: Janesville Murals

Janesville has 21 outdoor murals, all exceptional locations for selfies. See if you can find them all!

1. *Rock Stars at the Exclusive Company

1259 Milton Ave

Local record shop The Exclusive Company has had a series of paintings on the side of the building for many years. Featured musical artists including Johnny Cash, Nas, Kurt Cobain, Billie Holliday, Prince and Bob Dylan.

2. Heart of the City Outdoor Mural: Water

1 S Parker Dr (back, visible from Parker Pl)

Part of the "Heart of the City Outdoor Art Campaign" which began in 2009, each representing a decade during Janesville's early years and focusing on the important industries of that time. Painted by Larry Schultz, this vinyl printed mural represents 1840-50 and features the power of the river.

3. Janesville Gazette Mural Sculpture

1 S Parker Dr

Sculpted from sand and concrete by artist Constantino Nivola in 1970, this incredible mural over the entrance to the Gazette building represents the progress of communication through the ages. The mural is divided into 33 panels, each weighing approximately one ton.

4. American Flag

24 N Main St (visible from Wall St)

Painted by Nancy Platner, this patriotic mural is located on the Wall St side of the Whiskey Ranch.

5. Diversity & Women's History

101 E Milwaukee St (visible from Main St)

Created during Art Infusion 2020, this mural was painted by Jeff Henriquez from Newark, New Jersey. The locket worn by the woman on the left bears the image of Harriet Tubman, a nod to the abolitionist sentiment in Janesville, which hosted speakers Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass in 1859, as well as the nearby Milton House, a documented Underground Railroad stop that is now a museum. The large and small feathers in the native American woman's hair represent elders' support, guidance, and protection for youth. The wolf represents running with a pack or tribe, and the galaxy of stars above symbolize infinity. Wood violets are the Wisconsin state flower.

6. Black Hawk

29 S Main St

Jeff Henriquez also created this mural in 2019, featuring the artist's interpretation of Black Hawk, a leader and warrior of the Sauk American Indian tribe in what is now Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin. This incredible mural was created with spray paint in just 10 days, and a Native American ceremony marked its completion.

7. Two Horses

37 S Main St (visible from Court St)

Created during Art Infusion 2020 by Jessie Willyerd working with Tim Cahill, the two horses are on the Court Street side of the building. The members of this artist team are Class of 2003 graduates of Janesville Craig High School.

8. Heart of the City Outdoor Mural: Janesville Women's History

51 S Main St

One of a series in downtown Janesville, the "Heart of the City Outdoor Art Campaign" began in 2009. Each mural represents a decade during Janesville's early years and focuses on the important industries of that time. Originally painted by Ron Wick, this vinyl printed mural commemorates the contributions women in Rock County and is located on the Rock County Courthouse.



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9. Origami Birds

60 S Main St

Freelance artist Stephanie Krellwitz created this mural during Art Infusion 2020. The origami birds and tree branch are reminiscent of Lark's logo and the paper cranes in the window.

10. Flower Garden

20 S Water St (back of Olde Towne Mall)

This quirky floral mural was hand painted by Chicago-based artist CJ Hungerman as part of Art Infusion 2021. It is located high on the back of Olde Town Mall and can be seen from either side of Town Square, as well as the Court Street bridge. CJ has created many public art projects in Chicago and throughout the United States.

11. Bright Futures

200 W Court St (visible from River St)

Painted by James Richter in the summer of 2021, this inspiring mural is located on the River Street side of the Boys & Girls Club/YMCA building. Mural components include children, education, sports, nature, and dreams of the future.

12. Doty Mill Alley Janesville

S River St near Milwaukee St (look down alley)

This 2018 mural by local artist James Richter celebrates Janesville, including our proud General Motors and Parker Pen legacy, the historic Lincoln-Tallman House, and present day wonders like the Rotary Botanical Garden and the Rock Aqua Jays waterski show team.

13. River of Life

31 W Milwaukee St (visible from River St)

This incredible 100-foot-long mural by artist Ivan Roque was created during Art Infusion 2021 and features a flowing river with an owl for wisdom, flowers symbolizing transformation and vines representing time and energy. Roque is a Cuban-American visual artist from Miami, Florida.

14. Keep Looking Up

111 W Milwaukee St (back of the building)

This uplifting, whimsical addition to downtown was painted by Jim Richter, the artist responsible for several other downtown murals.

15. Sharing Aloha

119 W Milwaukee St (back of the building)

Located in the alley on the back of 808 Cheesecake, this lush, tropical mural was painted by the owner of 808 Cheesecake, Rob Reyes. Both the mural and the shop offer a taste of the Hawaiian Islands.

16. Waves of Giving

21 S Jackson St (visible from Franklin St)

Created during Art Infusion 2020 by Jaime Brown, working with Karim Jabbari. The arrows on the top represent the forward thinking of the city. The zigzags represent the river running through downtown. The diamonds on the right are a stalk of wheat, from its earlier days as an agricultural community. The horizontal bars on the bottom are for the fallen tree trunks during the lumber/industrial part of the city. The vertical lines are the train tracks for when the city became connected by rail. And the intersecting purple circles are a woman looking down and working on something. She could be making a quilt, she could be making dinner. The woman is often the heartbeat of the home. Those homes and families are the heartbeat of the community.



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17. Midnight Snack aka Blue Barry

215 W Milwaukee St (alley behind building)

Painted by David Mark Zimmerman, aka Bigshot Robot, during Art Infusion 2020, this whimsical mural wraps around two sides in the alley behind the building and is best viewed on foot. Bigshot Robot is a Milwaukee-based designer with creations that explore curiosity, vibrancy, humor and movement. There is a sense of imagination at play with colorful palettes and energetic patterns.

18. Formations on Jackson

14 S Jackson St

Created during Art Infusion 2021, this beautiful geometric mural is a combination of strong shapes and vibrant color gradients. Nashville-based artist Nathan Brown draws inspiration from his skateboarding travels, painting graffiti, gradient color palettes in nature, city life and structural lines in architecture. His goal is to bring people, places and communities together through public visual art.

19. Butterfly

N Jackson & W Milwaukee St

This mural depicts a butterfly emerging from a chrysalis and flying away. The oldest of the murals on this list, artist details are unknown.

20. Janesville Icons

1 S High St

Painted by James Richter in 2016, this mural depicts seven Chevrolet models between 1955 and 1960 in remembrance of the Janesville General Motors assembly plant. It is on what was known as "The Circuit," a driving route that many Janesville residents cruised in their youth.

21. The Adventurer

200 S River St

Created by Art Infusion 2021 featured artist David Mark Zimmerman, aka Bigshot Robot, The Adventurer is light-hearted addition to Janesville's downtown. Covering one side of the Harris Ace Hardware building with vibrant colors, the mural is best seen from a little distance - even across the river! Based in Milwaukee, Bigshot Robot also painted the Midnight Snack Mural.

22. Dancing on the Stars

408 S Main St

Part of Art Infusion 2021, this dynamic mural on the side of the Janesville Performing Arts Center depicts movement expressed by dancers. Chicago artist Ruben Aguirre's work is an intersection of abstract graffiti, formalism, and mural painting, with forms inspired by typography, geographical terrain, and the human body.



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