

A few images of Stephen Stanley's mural, depicting Etobicoke's transportation history.

Artist has eclectic career

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From church restorations to huge murals to designing sets for films, television and commercials - Acton's Stephen Stanley has had an eclectic career.

The Acton High grad, now 38, who is currently working in Toronto as a scenic artist for a big budget film with the working title *Mimic*, said that art had always been part of his life.

After graduating from York University with a bachelor of fine arts, Stanley

formed his own company, later renamed ChromaSight Inc. He began work on a 3,000 square foot interior mural at a Mississauga store and was contracted as the artist in charge of restoration and replacement of Byzantine frescoes at a Toronto church.

Stanley has done five murals so far and said he always liked to work on "decent-sized" paintings.

"My own work is not small but the murals have happened just by chance," Stanley explained recently.

"When I started working

on the church restorations, that scale appealed to me. I'm interested in that large scale public format because it's a nice change from sitting in your studio and working on a painting - not that I don't enjoy that too."

Stanley's most recent mural, completed over the summer, is a 575-foot wall mural commissioned by Etobicoke that depicts highlights and examples of the history of local transportation. Stanley's design was chosen in a national competition that drew 58 entrants.

Stanley said working on murals is interesting because "they are put in the real world" and he likes to work in different mediums and in different theatres.

Stanley, who has been a scenic artist on a long list of films, said for that type of work you have to be able to build, paint and sculpt just about anything.

"Working on films is challenging - you're always working with new people who have new things to offer and you learn from them," Stanley said although he stressed he really doesn't have a favourite type of work - he enjoys it all!

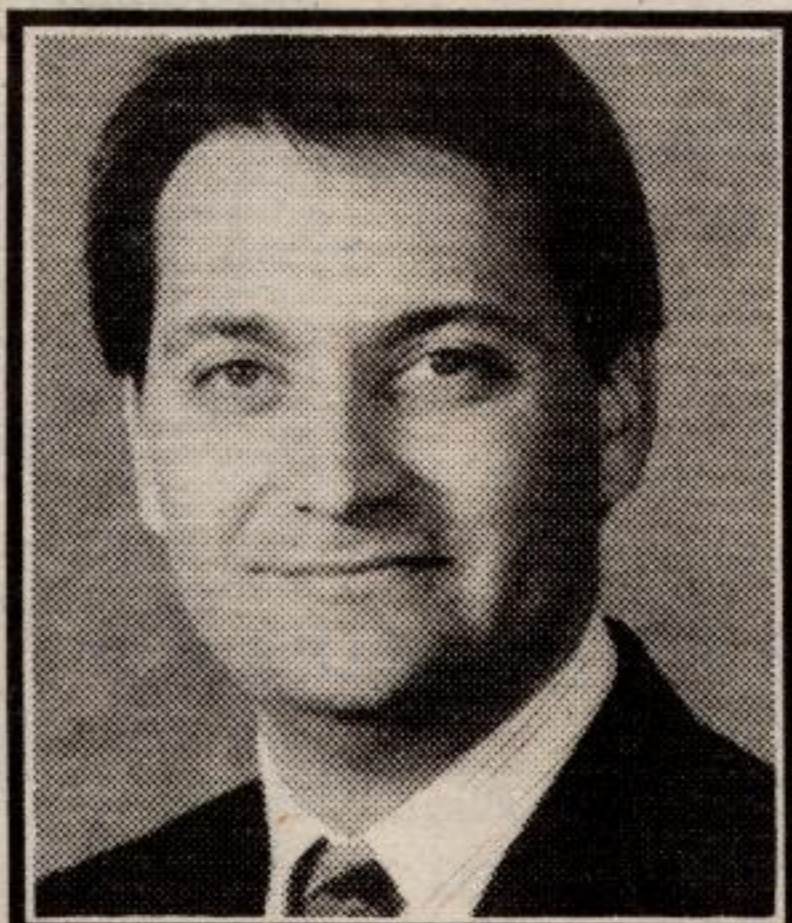


ARTISTS AT WORK: Stephen Stanley and an assistant stop work for a moment in front of part of the 575-foot mural he created in Etobicoke.

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speak broken English. The idea is to keep you on the line to build up charges. The bottom line is when your bill comes, you see this incredible charge, often more than \$100 per call.

Crooks are using the 809 numbers as "pay per calls." Since the 809 numbers are in the Caribbean, they are not bound by U.S. regulations that require them to warn you

of the charge involved.

Neither your local phone company nor your long distance carrier will want to get involved. They will basically tell you that they are simply providing the billing service for the foreign company.

If you are asked to call a number with an 809 area code that you don't recognize, *don't return the call.*

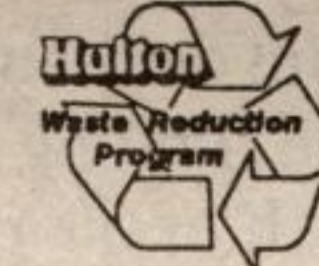
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- no collection on **Wednesday, January 1, 1997**
- collection will take place **the day after your regular garbage day** for the remaining days of the week
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- week of **January 6, 1997** on your regular garbage day
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