

International Migratory Phalarope Mural at Mono Lake

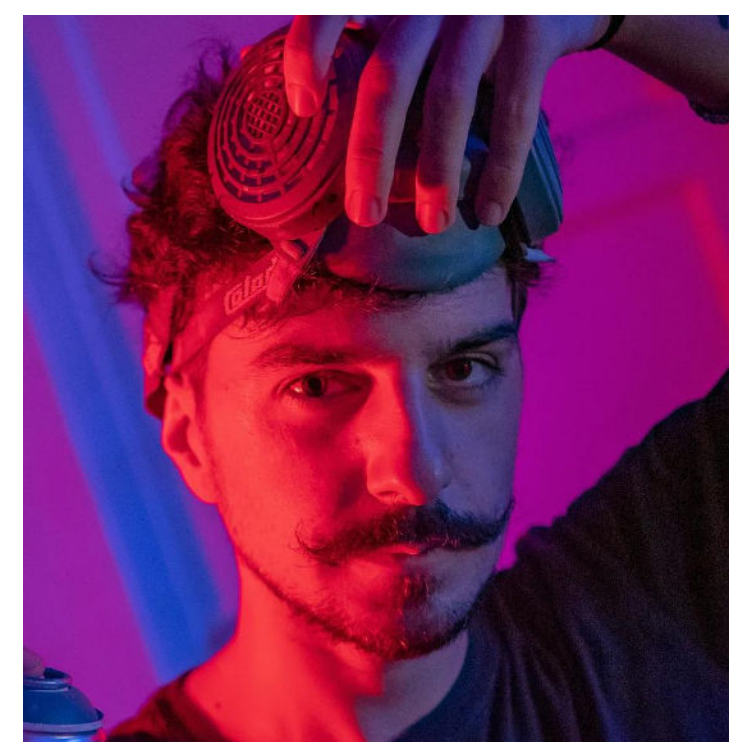


About the project

In December 2022, a small group of ecologists, conservationists, and park managers from Mono Lake journeyed to Laguna Mar Chiquita to connect with Argentinian colleagues researching phalaropes and managing the newly designated national park. At the celebration, a stunning, three-story, mural depicting the migration of Wilson's Phalaropes between Mono Lake, CA, Great Salt Lake, UT, and Laguna Mar Chiquita was unveiled. The mural at Mar Chiquita inspired this effort to enhance the connection between saline lakes and create a sister mural at Mono Lake to highlight the importance of saving these places—for future generations of people and birds.

Artist

Franco "Vato" Cervato Cozza, is a muralist from Cordoba, Argentina. Vato connects humans, nature, and cities through his hyperrealistic art, using only spray paint and paint brushes. He has completed over 100 murals nationally and internationally.



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Outcomes

Installation of a two-part, mural in Lee Vining, California, with the express purpose of raising awareness of migratory birds, threats to saline lake habitat such as excessive diversion of freshwater inputs for human uses, and the impacts of a warming climate.

Timeline

- Vato painting in Lee Vining
 - May 26–June 16, 2023
- Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua
 - June 16–18, 2023
- Mural unveiling & Phalarope Festival
 - June 18, 2023

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