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## YOUTH MURAL COMPLETED FOR GARAMAN UNDERPASS

*Jackson, Wyoming:* JH Community Pathways and Jackson Hole Public Art are pleased to announce the completion of a new collaborative mural by local artist Nicolette Maw and local youth at the Garaman Park pathway underpass. This highly trafficked underpass is now home to "Cause and Effect," an 80-foot long mural that addresses climate change within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. The mural was completed during an Art Association of Jackson Hole youth summer camp with Nicolette Maw as the lead artist and thirteen local art students in grades 6-9th contributing to each of the 20 panels that come together to tell a visual story for pathway users.

"Art is a wonderful way to visually inspire, influence, inspire, send a positive message, and much more. The students learned so much about climate change and how we can all make a difference if we all try to help and do our part. It was very rewarding to see all the students so excited for how the mural turned out." — artist Nicolette Maw

Artist Nicolette Maw was born and raised in Pocatello, Idaho, where she also attended Idaho State University, earning a minor in Studio Art. Nicolette currently lives and works in Teton Valley, Idaho and her portfolio can be found at [www.artbyngm.com](http://www.artbyngm.com). The youth art students included Julian Almanza, Bridget Andersen, Enzo Callari, Metta Curzon, Michael Donovan, Rocco Irby, Sam Larsen, Bridget Martinez, Ryan Murphy, Isaac Reed, Sarely Denise Sosa Cruz, Kate Sventy and Maria Turner. The large-scale mural depicts regional flora and fauna, from birds and moose, to waterfalls, mountains and trees, in vibrant colors that turn to despair as potential effects of climate change take hold. The group collaborated on every aspect of the mural, from determining the overall message, to selecting what elements to individually paint, and how to execute it seamlessly over the course of the week. As Nicolette notes, "This was a little tricky, but I was impressed how well the students learned to work with one another to collaborate and incorporate their individual style at the same time throughout the piece. It meant so much to help teach and work together with the students to have them express themselves through art."

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### ABOUT JH COMMUNITY PATHWAYS

Jackson Hole Community Pathways is the pathways and trails program of the Town of Jackson and Teton County. Since completion of the first shared-use pathway in the Town of Jackson in 1996, the

system has grown to include more than 50 miles of pathways that provide safe connections for non-motorized transportation and recreation throughout Teton County and linking to the pathway system in Grand Teton National Park. *For More Information on Pathways, contact Brian Schilling at [bschilling@tetoncountywy.gov](mailto:bschilling@tetoncountywy.gov)*

### **ABOUT JACKSON HOLE PUBLIC ART**

JH Public Art forges partnerships for the integration of art into any environment to inspire lasting cultural, educational and economic benefits. JHPA is a non-profit organization and our community's leading presenter of artist-driven projects in public spaces. We place artworks outside traditional venues of museums and galleries to provide access to art for all people. *For more information contact: Carrie Geraci, Executive Director at [carrie@jhpublicart.org](mailto:carrie@jhpublicart.org)*



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