

# TampaPublicArt



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**Artist:** Allen Leper Hampton  
**Title of Project:** *Cuscaden, Past, Present, and Future*  
**Location:** Cuscaden Park, 2900 North 15th Street  
**Year Completed:** 2011  
**Materials:** Aerosol Spray Paint  
**Commissioning Agency:** City of Tampa, Public Art Program

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## Project Description

Artist Allen Leper Hampton was commissioned to create a mural at Cuscaden Park to coincide with the building of a playground by the organization, Kaboom!, a national non-profit dedicated to saving play for America's children. The artist received input from representatives of the community and incorporated historic images of Cuscaden Park and its pool, brightly colored flowers, as well as portraiture of individuals from the neighborhood.

## Artist Statement

"The mural I have painted in Cuscaden Park, titled *Cuscaden, Past, Present, and Future* focuses on the historical importance of the park, one of the neighborhood's current cultural leaders, and two individuals that represent the future of Cuscaden Park and the surrounding neighborhood. The background is an image of the iconic Cuscaden Pool, taken decades ago, in its heyday. There is a portrait of Lincoln Tamayo, of Academy Prep School, just down the road from the park. Mr. Tamayo spends his days supporting the community by helping local youth gain the education they need to see them through high school and college, and into a promising future. The other two portraits are of two promising students currently at Academy Prep, and they represent not only themselves and their school, but the entire youth of the neighborhood, and their great potential for future success."

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