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San Jacinto Texas Historic District Kicks Off with Epic Art

Two years of economic development planning and fund raising culminates Monday afternoon with the unveiling of one of the largest public art displays in Texas. The first work of art adorns an oil storage tank at Lyondell's refinery located at HWY 225 and Scarborough.

This \$45-thousand mural named "Destiny" represents the first work depicting the history of the district in what will eventually become a museum without walls within the newly created San Jacinto Texas Historic District (SJTHD). The 40 feet by 70 feet "canvas" has been digitally created using a combination of photography and graphic art.

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Every aspect of this and future pieces will be historically accurate in terms of the moments in time they represent. Even the clothing worn by actors in the artwork is historically accurate down to the types of fabric and buttons used during the period.

The unveiling is part of Project Stars, an economic development plan which led to the creation of the District in east Harris County. The project began in 2004 as part of a series of economic development conferences held by the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region and Harris County Precinct Two Commissioner Sylvia R. Garcia.

Volunteers representing more than a dozen communities in the newly formed district have worked to formulate the plan for Project Stars ... a plan which highlights the history of the region. A history which begins with native Americans, includes the formation of a new Republic of Texas and continues today with one of the most vibrant and diverse economies in the world.

Plans are already underway for future canvasses on similar tanks and various other structures located on major thoroughfares throughout the SJTHD according to the President and CEO of the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region, Jan Lawler.

A non-profit educational 501c3 has been created to help fund projects such as this one which will spur interest in history and education.

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