

BUSY BOY Mediterranean Grill & Creperie

5722 Hillcroft St. (713) 783-1188 www.BusyBoySubs.com PROJECT PRESENTED BY:



Customs • Traditions • Language • Health • Acculturation

Gulfton Story Trail

An immersive art experience expressing Gulfton's many cultures and voices

SELF-GUIDED MURAL AND CULINARY TOUR

HALAL MEATS, GYROS, SHWARMA, CREPES, WAFFLES & GELATO



#GulftonStoryTrail #HoustonMurals #HoustonStreetArt

DANDELION

DANDELION CAFE

5405 Bellaire Blvd. (832) 988-9210 www.DandelionHouston.com

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE COFFEE. FRESH FOOD. LOCAL PRACTICES.

LEM bar espə ranıtıō

HOTEL YLEM & BAR ESPERANTO

8080 Main Street (713) 665-4439 www.hotelylem.com

A boutique hotel supporting local artists and changing the world through hospitality. Local artists display their work and 18% of art sales go to charity. Enjoy one of our signature cocktails knowing that 9% of all proceeds go directly to charity.

#ALLPEOPLESMILEINTHESAMELANGUAGE. #ICHANGETHEWORLD



SWEETS BY BELEN

Dessert Boutique

6001 Hillcroft St. Suite 400 (832) 203-7565 www.SweetsByBelen.com

INDULGE YOUR SENSES WITH OUR OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD LATIN DESSERTS!

F



GST 7 All Your Dreams Come True ocation: 5600 Hillcroft Ave. near Westpark Dr., behind Kababjees) Artist: Jesús Sánchez Poet: Mwelwa Kisanga

GST 8 Harvey Location: 5930 Bellaire Blvd. (on Mullins Dr.) Artists: Alex Arzú & Jesse de Leon Writer: Sara Stjepanovic

GST 9 Words Collide Location: 5919 Rampart St. Artists: Alex Arzú & Jesse de Leon Poet: Rael Memnon

GST 10 There's So Much to Explore Location: Las Americas Newcomer School 6501 Bellaire Blvd. (on Rookin St. at Edgemoor Dr.) Artist: Jesús Sánchez Poet: Benjamin Wong

GST 11 Infinite Future Location: Jane Long Academy, 6501 Bellaire Blvd. Artist: Vivienne Dang Poet: Eshaan Mani

GST 12 Fun Location: 6700 Bintliff Dr. Artists: Alex Arzú & Jesse de Leon Poet: Benjamin Wong

Metro Bus Route 009 Gulfton/Holman



A SWEET FACTORY

A 3330 Hillcroft St. Suite C (713) 780-2041 www.ASweetFactory.com

> FINE MEDITERRANEAN PASTRIES, BAKLAWAS, MADLOUGA & KNAFE



SHAHNAI RESTAURANT

c 5920 Hillcroft St. Suite D (713) 953-1388 www.ShahnaiHouston.com

> A MODERN INTERPRETATION **OF CLASSIC INDIAN DISHES**



THE 401 TABLE AND TAP

J 6700 Ferris St. Suite 150 (832) 962-7649 www.The401Bellaire.com

KITCHEN. KINSHIP. COCKTAILS.

Customs • Traditions • Language • Health • Acculturation



lisTyrot2not1lu2\Gulfton5toryTrail



CAFE PIQUET

H 5757 Bissonnet St. (713) 664-1031 www.cafepiquet.net

THE BEST TRADITIONAL CUBAN FOOD IN TOWN!

FASHION & STYLE

POSHAK FASHION & STYLE

6620 Southwest Freeway (713) 532-3232 www.PoshakHouston.Tumblr.com

TUNICS, JEWELRY, SCARVES & HIJAB



3526-601050 ΜυβΑL ΑΝD CULINARY TOUR

An immersive art experience expressing Gulfton's many cultures and voices Gulfton Story Trail

ABOUT GULFTON STORY TRAIL

Voyage around the world while staying right here in Houston! The Gulfton Story Trail is an immersive art experience that invites you-the explorer-to discover the neighborhood's many cultures and voices. Nestled in between Gulfton's global cuisines and eclectic shops are 12 inspiring murals created by some of Houston's most talented street artists. Each vibrant piece is multi-dimensional, born from poetry written by Gulfton students, expressed visually by muralists, and experienced by residents and visitors, blending Gulfton's stories with their own.

Bring your camera and spend the day discovering the thought-provoking art while enjoying delicious food and unique local businesses. Every block is a fresh chapter in the story of what makes Gulfton special, a diverse tapestry made of more than 100 unique cultures and 60 different languages. The Story Trail puts Gulfton on the map as a must-see destination for cultural enrichment.

Whether you're a native Houstonian or a visitor, the Gulfton Story Trail will leave you energized and empowered by the area's fascinating and often untold history. Every visit to the trail brings more resources to Gulfton and contributes to the community's strength and sustainability. We invite you to walk alongside us as we add to the pages of Gulfton's narrative.



ALEX ARZÚ Mural 8: Harvey Mural 9: Words Collide Mural 12: Fun ∅: @alexarzu f : zuartcollective

Alex Zú Arzú is a Houston-based muralist and tattoo artist who was born in Germany to two Afro-Honduran immigrants. While he enjoys excelling in all forms of artistic expression. Arzú finds that art is about the creation itself and not the medium. His goal is to produce art that inspires viewers to have their own unique experience. Arzú, a graduate of the University of Houston, had a four-year-long stint as an architect before becoming a well-known local artist. He has since worked with influential brands such as Coca-Cola, singer Willie Nelson, MTV Cribs, and more.



VIVIENNE DANG Mural 11: Infinite Future

(o): @vivienned f: viviennedang

Vivienne Dang is an artist and designer who likes to explore the world of symbolism and surrealism. She incorporates her fascination for human emotions into her concepts for each painting and has been exhibited both locally and internationally. Dang holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in graphic design from the Art Institute of Houston and has been designing professionally for more than 12 years. She loves to experiment and grow as an artist, touching lives with her passion for illustration and storytelling.

JESÚS SANCHÉZ

f : ApeironKfc

Jesús Sanchéz is a Mexican-born artist who has been adding movement and color to the world with his art for 20 years. He masterfully focuses on the beauty of form and color to leave communities inspired. Sanchéz' favors isometric letters and diverse human figures-two staples found throughout his mixed media creations. He has participated in events like the Meeting of Styles, Mr. RustoFest, Blast the Walls, Art Op, and others. Most recently, his work is featured on the Legacy Clinic on Lyons Avenue

STORY OF THE TRAIL

Culture of Health - Advancing Together (CHAT) - an organization that empowers immigrant and refugee families to thrive in their new home - designed the Gulfton Story Trail project to elevate the spirit of the community and invite visitors to infuse further energy into the neighborhood.

The Gulfton Story Trail was created in collaboration with Mayor Sylvester Turner's Complete Communities Initiative and is part of the Visit My Neighborhood program to aid Houston's underserved communities. Complete Communities is designed to help residents make the most of their strengths and reach their full potential. The Gulfton Story Trail was made possible by a grant awarded by The Houston Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs and Houston Arts Alliance.

MEET THE ARTISTS

SYLVIA BLANCO



Mural 4: Introspection of Self Reflection ්ට: @blanco arte f : SylviaBlancoArt

Drenched in ethereal imagination and Latin heritage, Sylvia Blanco's art is a transcendent look at what it means to make the unconventional eye-catching. She marries her eclecticism with the balance of dark and light, showcasing subjects such as women animals, nature, skulls and her Mexican roots. Blanco has created work for notable Houston organizations, including The Generators Playground, Aerosol Warefare, Up Art Studio, Via Colori, the Museum of Fine Arts Houston, and Talento Bilingue de Houston.



JESSE DE LEON

Mural 8: Harvey Mural 9: Words Collide Mural 12: Fun (): @de_leonartz f : deleonartz

Self-taught artist Jesse de Leon has an ardent ambition to make a positive change in every community he paints in. For the last 15 years, he's worked on collaborations with companies and nonprofit organizations in the Greater Houston area to build a better narrative with each and every brush stroke. Outside of touching Houston communities with his talent, de Leon mentors and teaches art to young students in Haiti in hopes to provide an artistic trade skill that can end the cycle of poverty.



DEANNA SANTIAGO

Mural 5: Ethereal Vision (c): @_pursuepretty_ f : pursuepretty

Designer and fashion illustrator Deanna Santiago's stroke of sartorial genius was first noticed when she designed costumes for her Brazilian arts dance ensemble. Her inherent talent landed her a scholarship to study fashion illustration in San Francisco, and earned her a title as the For the Sake of Art Wearable Art Fashion Competition winner in 2016. Santiago is inspired by eternal femininity, nature and structural forms which she uses to capture the spirit of the modern muse.

LOCAL FOOD!

Be sure to try the local independent restaurants, food trucks and fruit carts sprinkled all over Gulfton. Restaurants are noted on the map with the symbol **A** and food trucks are noted with the **T** symbol. If you don't know where to start, ask for the specialty of the truck or restaurant, or take a look at the suggestions we've provided. Bring a little cash incase they don't accept credit or debit cards.



Mural 2: Celebrating Diversity Mural 7: All your Dreams Come True Mural 10: There's So Much to Explore (i): @apeironcanvas





1902 Washington Avenue, Suite A (713) 337-5830

www.asakurarobinson.com

Asakura Robinson enhances environments and positively impacts communities through innovation, engagement, stewardship, and an integrated planning and design process.



LINDSAY BURCK

Mural 1: Moment of Brilliance (a): @lindsso_electric **f** : lindsayannburck

Visual artist Lindsay Burck is no stranger to color. The Texas State University Graduate's core inspiration is simple: having a life is an opportunity for endless possibilities of joy, peace, and anything else you desire. Her impactful artwork, which she began producing in 2015, pairs vibrant backgrounds that dance across the rainbow spectrum with symbolic elements that represent a potent joy for life.



ZAVALA ELIUD

Mural 6: They Come Here for Their Children @: @real.333

Mexico native Zavala Eliud was first enamored with the art of graffiti in the mid-80s as he walked through a metropolitan city to find bold letters tagged across brick buildings. His childlike wonder materialized into an artistic journey that would lead him to find his voice as a painter at art festivals and graffiti shows in the early 90s. An admirer of classic graffiti, the Monterrey-based artist uses letters and characters to create compelling large-scale murals and canvas paintings. Eliud has lectured and exhibited across the Mexican Republic, and his work has been reflected in cities around the globe.



NATALIA VICTORIA

Mural 3: Garden of Paradise (O): @bia.natalia.victoria • : NataliaVictoriaArt

Art is more than just a career to Natalia Victoria, it's a family tradition. She was introduced to the rich world of art by her mother and now passes on the same skills to her own daughter, who is her greatest influence. Street art, canvas paintings, sculpture, refinished furniture and mini-mural installations around Houston all fall in her capable repertoire. She delights in working on projects in the community and has been part of the West Lake Houston Area artists, The Generators Playground, and the Murder of Crows to name a few

