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NATIONAL YOUNG ARTISTS SUMMIT
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IZEKIEL DIAZ (HE/HIM)
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
I'm a visual artist attending ChiArts. I have not worked on anything big or official for the city which is why I am very excited to be a part of this fantastic small group in hopes to make some fun occasions and make my peers and other people smile! But I have worked on more local things with a team like the mural on my old schools outside wall, as well as help set up and run many events at Marwen since 2016.

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
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LANGSTON SPAN (HE/HIM)
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MARIO PAULDON (HE/HIM)
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