

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Ras Ammar Nsoroma

PERSON

Nsoroma, Ras Ammar, 1967-

Alternative Names: Ras Ammar Nsoroma; Kevin Wayne Tate

Life Dates: June 20, 1967-

Place of Birth: Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA

Residence: Milwaukee, WI

Work: Milwaukee, WI

Occupations: Muralist

Biographical Note

An artist known for his murals, Ras Ammar Nsoroma was born Kevin Wayne Tate on June 20, 1967 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. When he was only a teenager, Nsoroma became aware of the work of Reynaldo Hernandez, an inner-city mural artist, which inspired him. Nsoroma graduated from the Milwaukee High School of the Arts in 1985 and attended the Milwaukee

Institute of Art and Design. Nsoroma completing his first mural as a senior in high school.

In the late 1980s, Nsoroma moved to Chicago and studied at Chicago's School of the Art Institute of Chicago. He returned to Wisconsin and began working as an artist, designing three-dimensional murals on the Fond du Lac Avenue overpass for the north and south wing walls and bridge abutments. In 2000, two of Nsoroma's murals were nominated for inclusion in the book, *Walls of Heritage, Walls of Pride: African American Murals*, a collection of 200 murals spanning three decades of African American mural art. In 2004, Nsoroma designed a mural to celebrate the radio station 1290 WMCS-AM's 25th anniversary of African American community programming; entitled *The Tradition Continues*. Nsoroma utilized photographs and created a compilation of twenty-five portraits of men and women who participated in the growth of the station.

Nsoroma has painted more than forty murals, including pieces in Chicago, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., as well as his hometown of Milwaukee.

Related Entries

Milwaukee High School of the Arts [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Hawley Road Elementary [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Bay View High [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

31st Street School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Phillis Wheatley Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

School of the Art Institute of Chicago [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

School [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Teacher

Pick 'n Save Warehouse Foods [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Self Employed [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Muralist

SPARC [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Muralist

Milwaukee Inner City Arts Council [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Artist

Chicago Public Arts Group [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Muralist

America's Black Holocaust Museum [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Muralist

Wisconsin Black Historical Society [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Muralist

Auser Auset Society [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Muralist