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Artists with works in the current Windows Alive! exhibit are featured in a new video series produced by the City of Yakima Community Relations Office.

The interviews, conducted in front of each artist's window display, provide the artists opportunities to share briefly on camera about their art and inspiration. The videos are available on the City of Yakima YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofYakimaWA>

Video interviews of three artists, conducted by Sean Davido of the Community Relations Office, are currently available. Two remaining interviews are scheduled for next week.

The current Windows Alive! artist line-up, with excerpts from original artist statements, is as follows:

- **Jaice Brasker:** "A signature element in my art is the use of large size canvases. For this I believe these somewhat overwhelming pieces give the art a larger voice."
- **Kiara Castro:** "Through digital photography and analog processes I create works that convey the struggle, pain and hardship I and others like me have encountered, while simultaneously celebrating Latinx heritage."
- **John Cooper:** "You spend hours laboring over a drawing that will be gone in a day or two, washed or blown away, trampled by feet, cars and bikes. That's the fate of all street art. So, after collecting a few digital images, I just walk away to draw another day."
- **Cathy Lapsley:** "I work with pastel, collage, assemblage and mixed media. I enjoy repurposing materials. I will sometimes use natural elements in my collages. For example, tree bark, feathers, rocks, shells and even a broken bird's egg."
- **Amanda Ontiveros:** "I find art is not very inclusive for the blind, so I aim to make art available to bigger part of society. Making artworks that are meant to be touched or handled, which they can feel, is important in creating an all-embracing experience for more people."

Their art is currently displayed in storefront windows along the north side of Yakima Avenue between 3rd Street and 4th Street.

More about the artists, their complete artist statements and samples of their works can also be found at <https://windowsalive.com/>

Seven years ago the Yakima Arts Commission, an advisory group appointed by the Yakima City Council, developed the Windows Alive! idea to harness the creativity of Central Washington artists.

Following a submission and evaluation process, the above artists were chosen to be part of the current Windows Alive! exhibition.