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Pow! Wow! Long Beach Adds a Splash of Art to the Regency Palms Long Beach Building

Long Beach, CA – In a celebration and support of the arts, the fifth annual Pow! Wow! Long Beach Street Art Festival approved Meridian Senior Living's <u>Regency Palms Long Beach Assisted Living and</u> <u>Memory Care (RPLB)</u> located at 117 E. 8th Street to don one of the 21 beautiful large-scale murals installed by internationally renowned artists. Originating from Los Angeles to other parts of the world, artists enhanced the urban landscape of Long Beach in painting their amazing murals during the Pow! Wow! celebration.

Based in Tokyo, artist Luise Ono enhanced the side of the RPLB's building with "greater than life" Hawaiian-like flowers and greenery. It was quite a spectacle to see Ms. Ono transform a dull wall over seven very hot days into a striking garden creating a splash and wow! for visitors walking by.

Growing up in a single-parent, low income household, Ms. Ono loved to draw at a young age. At 21, Luise was motivated after the death of her mother to live her life as she wanted; consequently, she became an artist. In 2010, she started live painting and was self-taught building up her career to accomplish a painting project for a television commercial in 2013. Luise participated in the first POW! WOW! in Japan in 2015 which was a turning point in her career that inspired her desire to paint globally. While the majority of her murals are located in Japan, she is always seeking for a chance to paint abroad and actively looking for international opportunities.

In describing the RPLB mural, Ms. Ono elaborates, "This mural consists of motifs of alstroemeria, lilium auratum, crocus, and the blanket flower. Each flower has a flower word and it is continuation, fun, life, memories, unity, and admiration for the future. Through POW! WOW! I wanted to express how I felt about the mural, so I had chosen these flowers for this mural."

The public is welcome to visit Luise's beautiful mural at RPLB's building located at 117 E. 8th Street, Long Beach, CA. For more information about RPLB and their upcoming events, visit the community website at: https://msl.life/RPLB or call 562-205-8110.

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