



**“Back to Earth”** by Micah Ofstedahl was one of the 2013 Purchase Awards at the Austin ArtWorks Festival. Mayo Clinic Health Systems - Austin selected several works for the community. The painting is displayed in the front office of I.J. Holton School.

Inmates at the Mower County Justice Center created this enlarged oil pastel mural of “Back to Earth”. Using the

grid method, each inmate was given a square and drew only the part of the image contained in the square. Micah’s biomorphic style and surrealism challenges our imagination. The lesson is while each square reflects the style of the artist, only when the squares are assembled together can one appreciate how diversity enriches unity.

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