

## **GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL MURAL**

In the early 1940s, Sargent Johnson was commissioned to create a huge cast-stone mural for the George Washington High School Athletics Field in San Francisco. The actual mural is 12 feet tall by over 180 feet long.

It is the most incredible site you can imagine. If you look one direction, you'll see the mural and the beautiful architecture of the mid 1930s high school. And if you turn around, you'll look out over the Golden Gate Bridge

Cast stone is kind of like concrete, where you pour a mixture into a mold and carve it, which had only recently been used in larger formats like this.

You'll see a photograph on the wall of Johnson standing up on top of a ladder carving the original clay model for the mural. You could see how huge it is, and from that model, they would make castings and then cast the stone to make the actual finished sculpture that is installed at the high school, but this would've been a very expensive proposition. So, the work was done with a team of sculptors, not just Sargent Johnson, he was managing a team of sculptors, the work was started by 1940 and completed by 1942, so a multi-year project.

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