

Wish You Were Here: *Jeremy Novy*

Street artist Jeremy Novy moved from Milwaukee to San Francisco in 2008. He stayed here for 5 years, becoming known for his stenciled koi fish pieces and his use of gay iconography in his street art. He left San Francisco in 2013, looking for “art, electricity and creativity,” which he found in the costuming and parades of New Orleans. Since then he’s traveled and painted his way across the country, developing a national reputation and completing dozens of commissions. For the past two years his home base has been in LA. “People think differently in California; I just like it here. I’m trying to stay a street artist, but on a larger scale than just one city or state.”

Update: Since writing this in March, Jeremy’s moved back to San Francisco; he said, “Covid made me realize where I really want to be.”