Title: Bringing Madison's History to Life
Year: 2014
Artist: Córdoba, José Guadalupe Ríos
Narrative Description: This mural was created as part of the Madison Sister City program. Artists were exchanged between Madison, WI and Tepatitlan, Mexico. The mural is designed to convey both the heart and history of Madison. The Capitol is surrounded by several ethnic groups that helped build Madison: Ho Chunk Native Americans, Europeans, African Americans and Latinos. Also represented are major historical contributions by the progressive movement, equal opportunity legislation, the women's movement, the UW, and the gay and lesbian community. Córdoba includes some of the protests and rallies that have occurred here, as well as references to the environmental movement and dairy farming. The themes of the mural point to what the artist discovered to be the true soul of Madison: human rights. (–Laura Jones, Isthmus)