



Banksy (ca. 1974)

Untitled (Mariachi Player), ca. 2001

Stencil spray paint on composite stone wall

28 x 21 in. (71.1 x 53.3 cm)

Spray signed BANKSY

Catalogued in Banksy's self-published book "Banging Your Head Against a Brick Wall"

It was shortly after the turn of the century when Banksy traveled to Mexico with the Easton Cowboys and Cowgirls soccer club. During this trip the artist stencil-painted this violent, yet undeniably charming, image of a Mariachi player on a residential wall of the Chiapas town where the Zapatista's first made their mission for indigenous equality known. Banksy left the image on a street corner in San Cristobal De Las Casas, and now nearly 15 years later the symbolic wall has found its way into the arms of The Lower Eastside Girl's Club of New York (www.girlsclub.org).

Tagliatella Galleries is pleased to announce a collaborative effort with The Lower Eastside Girls Club to offer this iconic, original Banksy graffiti wall for sale in order to help fund their charitable work with the girls and environmental groups of Chiapas, Mexico. Proceeds from the sale will support the educational activities of Club Balam, the Girls Club photography program in Chiapas since 1999 (www.girlsclubworldwide.org) and Orchideas Moxviquil Botanical Garden (<http://www.orchidsmexico.com/>), training the next generation of young environmentalists.

The untitled "Mariachi Player" will be unveiled on October 1st at the opening of Tagliatella's *Banksy: Better In Than Out* - a comprehensive exhibition of Banksy's artwork spanning a full decade. The month-long exhibition will include works on paper, unique paintings and this original graffiti wall as the featured work. The collection will comprise of approximately 50 works beginning with an early-career canvas painting created in 2000 and rounded out by prints published in 2010, the date of Banksy's most recent limited edition release for public acquisition. For more information, please contact Tagliatella Galleries (info@djtf.com or 212-367-0881).

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