

New Mural in Paris Celebrates 'Yellow Vest' Revolt

A huge mural celebrating the "yellow vests" revolt has appeared in one of the most traditionally working class districts of the French capital.

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Street artist **Pascal Boyart** created the work, based on Eugene Delacroix's monumental canvass "Liberty Leading the People", which glorified the revolution of July 1830 in which the people of Paris drove King Charles X from power.

The mural can be found on a wall opposite the Cent Quatre, a public cultural centre in Paris, on rue d'Aubervilliers.

Boyart told AFP that the mural in the working-class 19th arrondissement of northern Paris was to show his support for the anti-government protests which have shaken France since November.

It has the rebelling people of Paris wearing high-visibility jackets just like those worn by the "yellow vests" demonstrators, whose movement began as a revolt in rural France over increased fuel taxes.

#StreetArt treasure hunt in Paris with a #Bitcoin puzzle
For the 10th birthday of the genesis block, I painted this frescoe in Paris with a 0,26btc (\$1000) puzzle in it.
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— Pascal Boyart (@pascalboyart) January 7, 2019

"The (Delacroix) painting is one of the best known in the world, and I wanted to use its theme for what is happening now," Boyart said.

"Art has always been a means of expression for all political movements," said the 30-year-old painter, who signs his works "PBOY".

Paris-based Boyart is well-known for his murals denouncing the world of high finance and the banks, which he blames for the discontent in France.

He has also added a "bitcoin puzzle" to the work, and said the person who finds the key will win 1,000 euros (\$1,145).

One of Boyart's previous works shows Delacroix — who used to feature on the old French franc banknotes — setting fire to a 100-euro note.

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