

# 'EastEnders' Welcomes Mural Of Black Woman To Albert Square

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A family favourite that's been a part of millions of homes for many years, *EastEnders* fans will be more than familiar with the Queen Vic pub, but now the British soap opera welcomes a new face to Albert Square in the form of a mural of a black woman on the side of the Beale family home, opposite the famous landmark.

Painted by Nottingham-born visual artist [Dreph](#), the mural will hold quite the impression on the square, measuring in at 5m x 2m in size, and will be a permanent fixture too, with Dreph — real name Neequaye Dsane — describing his work as being "a really exciting opportunity."

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Filming for new *EastEnders* episodes has now resumed since their coronavirus-induced pause in proceedings, with social distancing guidelines still being integrated on set. Executive producer Jon Sen said the new painting is a "timely addition that reflects events taking place in the real world."

After completing his painting after a few days of work, Dreph took to his Instagram. "I remember watching the very first episode of *EastEnders* three decades ago," he said, "a time when we would rush home to watch the few Black characters on TV. I think it's great that *EastEnders* have found a way to reflect modern day UK in a time when so many of us are finding ways to voice anti-racism."




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Thanks to my team [@Thirtypoundgentleman](#) & [@mellymellove](#) for all their support, Kate, Deborah, Kirsten, Jon, Toby, Suzette, Tameka and all at *EastEnders* who made us feel so at home.

Big up to Bella for sitting for this piece that will be a permanent backdrop in future episodes for years to come. 📍 Ian Beales House, Bridge Street, Walford, East London, E20

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