

# Ellis Island: The Lost Mural

*July 21 – December 31, 2012*



On July 21, 2012, the National Archives at Atlanta will proudly unveil Andrew Sabori's "The Lost Mural," a recreation of a mural that hung at Ellis Island, titled "The Role of the Immigrant in the Industrial Development of America."

The original mural, commissioned by the WPA in 1938 and painted by Edward Laning, was displayed at Ellis Island until the early 1950s at which time a storm destroyed most of the mural. In 2003 Andrew visited Ellis Island, the Smithsonian, and other cultural institutions to find out more information about the original mural. He subsequently uncovered a photograph of the original and decided to recreate it for exhibit and educational purposes. We are proud that "The Lost Mural" will adorn our Exhibit Gallery through the end of December 2012!

In addition, the exhibit will feature portraits of famous American immigrants painted by Mr. Sabori as well as immigration-themed documents from the holdings of the National Archives.



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