

# TAYLOR THOMAS

## Woven Roots

March 14 - June 12, 2024

The Canyon Country Community Center



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**& Jill**, Paper, mirror, second hand quilt & spray paint, 36" x 24" (\$3,500)

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# OUR MISSION

## ***Our Vision***

The City of Santa Clarita will be recognized as a "city of the arts," where the lives of residents, artists, and visitors are enriched through artistic and cultural experiences.

## ***Mission Statement***

To facilitate achievement in the arts for the benefit of the entire community.

## ***Our Goals***

1. Provide leadership for the advancement and support of arts and culture;
2. Promote economic development through the arts;
3. Enhance arts and cultural education

## ***Arts Master Plan***

The City of Santa Clarita commissioned the Arts Master Plan to create a long-term roadmap for arts, entertainment, and cultural development throughout the community over the next 10 years. The plan addresses several areas of specific interest: public art, Old Town Newhall Arts and Entertainment District, arts education, governance of the arts, cultural facilities, venues and spaces, supporting artists and arts organizations, arts funding, creative economy, marketing the arts, and celebrating diversity.

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# INTRODUCTION

Nestled in the heart of Southern California, the City of Santa Clarita has blossomed into a cultural haven, brimming with artistic vitality and creative energy. With a commitment to fostering artistic expression and engaging the community, Santa Clarita Arts has become a driving force in promoting and supporting the arts in the area. From our various gallery locations to our art services, public art projects, and arts and education programs, Santa Clarita Arts has firmly established itself as a cornerstone of the city's cultural landscape.

One of the defining features of Santa Clarita Arts is its array of gallery locations, each offering a unique platform for artists to showcase their vision and talent to the community. The First Floor Gallery in City Hall serves as a prestigious exhibition space, showcasing both local and nationally recognized artists. The Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Library, Old Town Newhall Library, Valencia Public Library, Canyon Country Community Center, and Newhall Community Center all provide an intimate setting for visual arts exhibitions, while The MAIN celebrates a fusion of arts, hosting diverse comedy, musical, theatrical events and exhibitions throughout the year.

Beyond our gallery spaces, Santa Clarita Arts offers a wide range of art services designed to support local artists and nurture their creative journeys. Through artists grants to professional development opportunities, Santa Clarita Arts empowers artists to push the boundaries of their practice and thrive in the art world. Additionally, our art classes, workshops, and community outreach initiatives provide invaluable resources for individuals of all ages to explore their artistic passions and develop their skills.

A shining aspect of Santa Clarita Arts is our dedication to public art projects, which serve as vibrant landmarks that enrich the city's aesthetic landscape. From large-scale sculptures to interactive installations, these public art projects punctuate the urban environment, inviting residents and visitors to engage with art in unexpected and delightful ways.



The city's commitment to integrating art into public spaces not only enhances the visual appeal of Santa Clarita but also promotes a sense of community pride and connection.

In alignment with our commitment to arts education, Santa Clarita Arts has developed comprehensive programs that inspire the next generation of creative minds. Our arts education initiatives reach students across the city, providing access to arts experiences workshops, and mentorship opportunities. By nurturing young talent, Santa Clarita Arts ensures the continued growth and vitality of the local arts community, fostering a rich cultural legacy for generations to come.

The City of Santa Clarita has established itself as a vibrant arts destination, thanks to the visionary leadership and unwavering support of Santa Clarita Arts. Their dedication to providing gallery spaces, art services, public art projects, and arts education programs has transformed the city into a thriving hub of artistic expression. Through their unwavering commitment to the arts, Santa Clarita has elevated the cultural landscape, connecting artists, residents, and visitors in a celebration of creativity, diversity, and community.

We invite you to immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of Santa Clarita's arts scene and witness the profound impact of Santa Clarita Arts on the cultural fabric of the city. Let us embrace the power of art to inspire, unite, and transform, as we explore the boundless possibilities that lie within Santa Clarita's artistic landscape.

Welcome to the world of Santa Clarita Arts!

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# WOVEN ROOTS

Taylor Thomas' latest exhibit, "Woven Roots," is a compelling investigation into the depiction of the Black family across generations. The exhibition is on view from March 14 – June 12, 2024 at the Canyon Country Community Centre Gallery, inviting audiences to engage with Thomas' personal exploration of her heritage and the broader narratives of Blackness in America.

In "Woven Roots," Taylor Thomas delves into the public and private spheres of Black family representation, employing her family's archive as a foundational element. Through the technique of collaging original photographs with materials sourced from urban landscape, such as commercial street posters, and integrating mirrors, Thomas transcends traditional portraiture. This act of liberation from the frame and the integration of disparate elements not only bridges generational divides, but also initiates a dialogue on the evolving perceptions of Black identity.

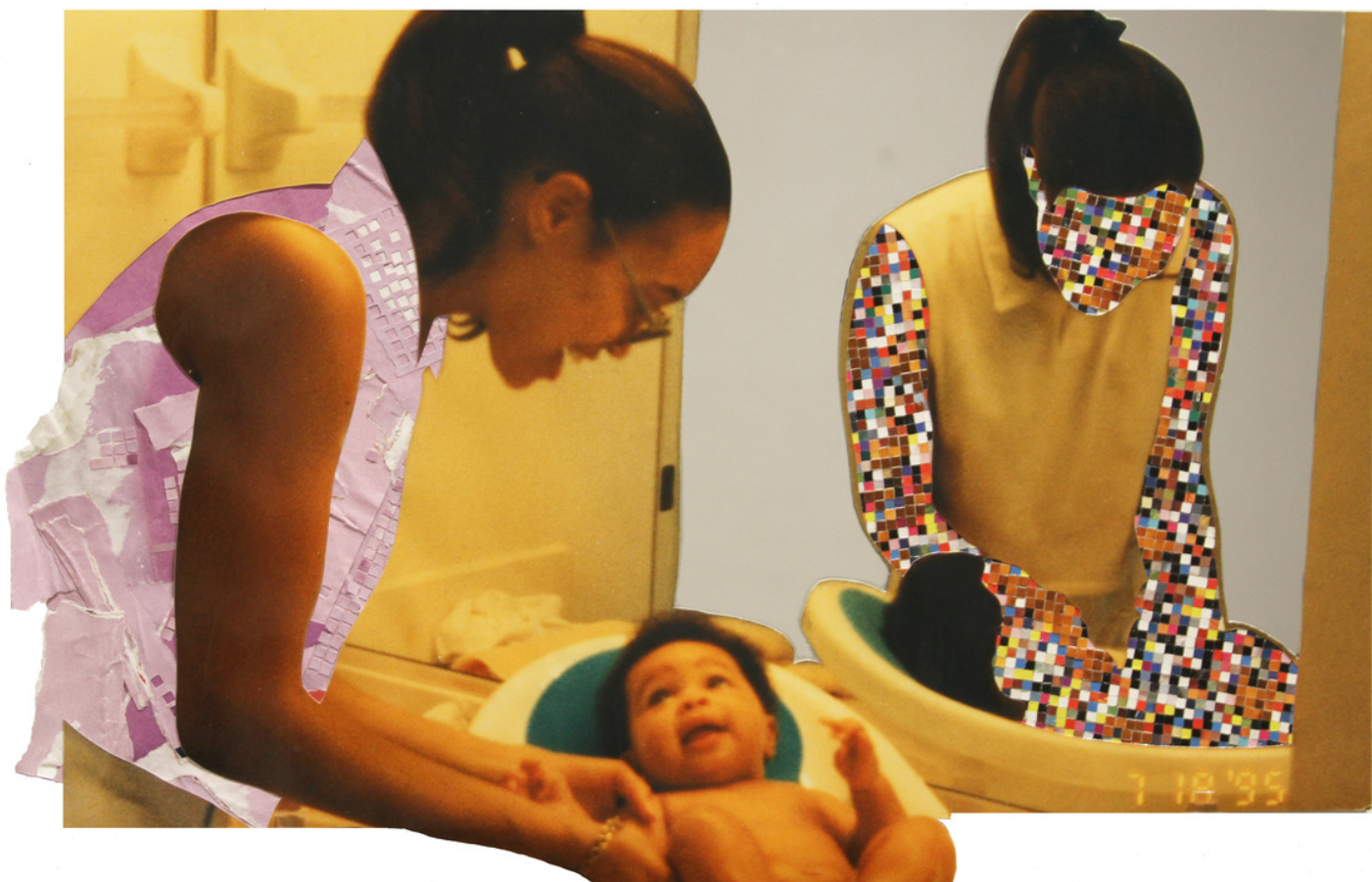
Taylor Thomas, a Chicago native, has created a nuanced approach to storytelling. Her academic background, a graduate from Amherst College with a double major in Film & Media Studies and Sociology, and her experience in the entertainment industry, have informed her critical perspective on representation. Transitioning from her role at leading institutions like Netflix and The Walt Disney Company to pursue fine arts at the California Institute of the Arts, Thomas seeks to fill the void of diversity and complexity in the portrayal of Black narratives.

## **How to Purchase Artwork:**

For inquiries and to purchase artwork, please contact the artist directly.

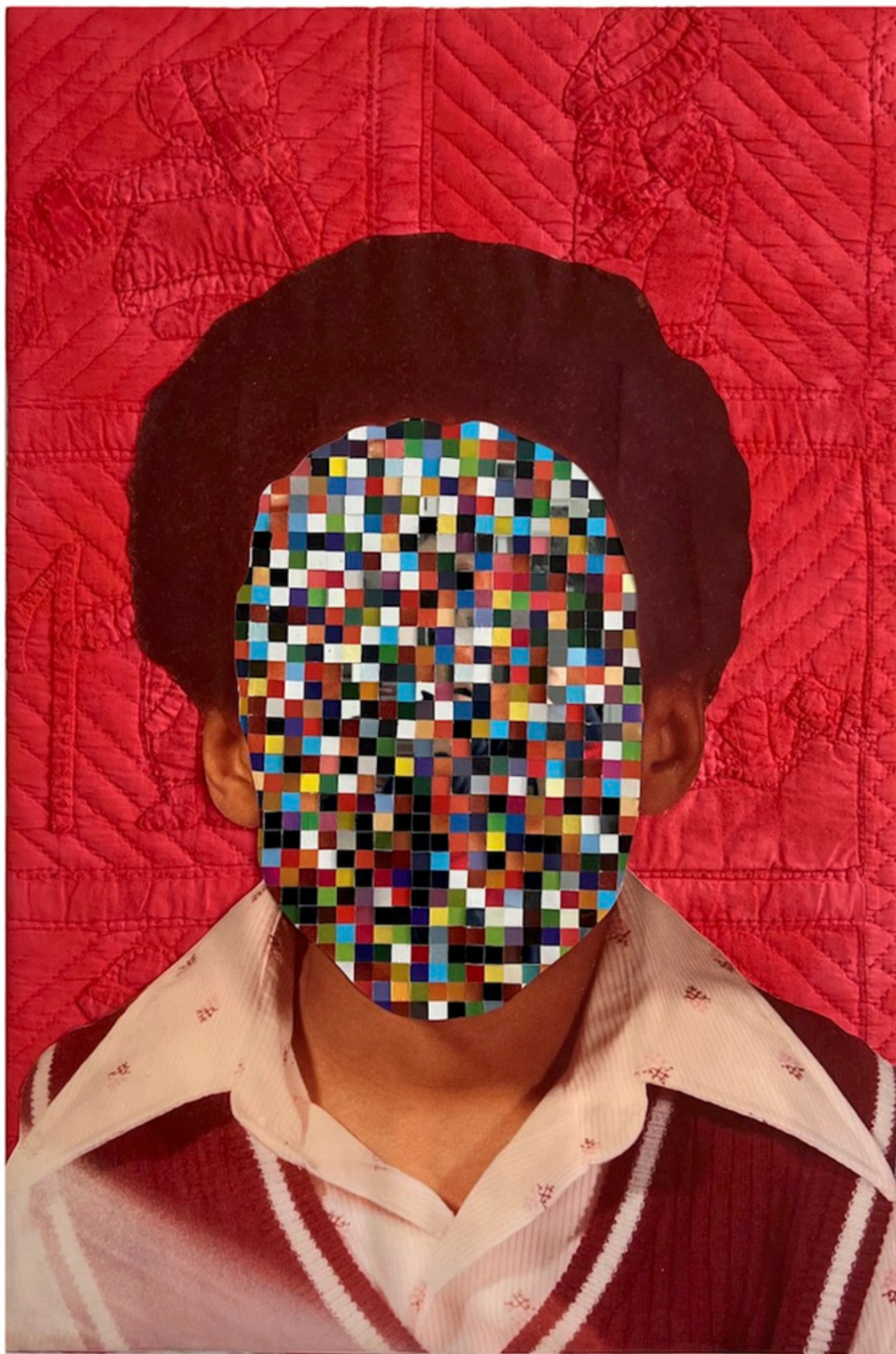
Delivery will be arranged after the show ends on June 12, 2024.

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**Self Portrait**, Found poster, 1995 Picture of the Year edition of Life Magazine, mirror & glue, 16" X 24" (\$1,000)





**Jack**, Paper, mirror, second hand quilt & spray paint, 24" X 36" (\$3,500)





**& Jill**, Paper, mirror, second hand quilt & spray paint, 24" X 36" (\$3,500)





***Beverly Weave #3***, Paper, found street poster & acrylic paint, 30" X 40" (\$4,000)





**Stevie Portrait #2**, Paper, found street posters & acrylic paint, 24" X 30" (\$3,000)





***Soft Place to Land?***, Paper, second hand quilt & acrylic paint, 23" X 29" (\$1,5000)

# EXHIBITION LOCATIONS

## **First Floor Gallery**

Santa Clarita City Hall  
23920 Valencia Boulevard  
Valencia, CA 91355  
(661) 259-2489  
[www.santa-clarita.com/cityhall](http://www.santa-clarita.com/cityhall)  
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## **Canyon Country**

### **Jo Anne Darcy Library**

18601 Soledad Canyon Road  
Canyon Country, CA 91351  
(661) 259-0750  
[www.santaclaritalibrary.com](http://www.santaclaritalibrary.com)  
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## **Valencia Public Library**

23743 W. Valencia Boulevard  
Valencia, CA 91355  
(661) 259-0750  
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## **Valencia Public Library - Childrens' Area**

23743 W. Valencia Boulevard  
Valencia, CA 91355  
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## **Newhall Community Center**

22421 Market Street  
Newhall, CA 91321  
(661) 286-4006  
[www.santa-clarita.com/ncc](http://www.santa-clarita.com/ncc)  
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## **Old Town Newhall Library**

24500 Main Street  
Newhall, CA 91321  
(661) 259-0750  
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## **Canyon Country Community Center**

18410 Sierra Highway  
Canyon Country, CA 91351  
(661) 290-2266  
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## **The MAIN**

24266 Main Street  
Newhall, CA 91321  
(661) 290-2255  
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