



CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

June 6 - September 18
First Floor Gallery

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(Cover Photo)

(Detail) **Karol Blumenthal**, *Gay Pride Stairs Westfield Topanga*, Digital art, 22" x 18" (\$275)

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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June 6 – September 18, 2024

The City of Santa Clarita announces the opening of its latest art exhibition, “Celebrating Diversity,” at the First Floor Gallery within Santa Clarita’s City Hall. This showcase will run from June 6 through September 18, 2024, with a special reception event planned for Friday, June 7, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

“Celebrating Diversity” showcases an exciting collection of artworks from a diverse group of artists, each piece celebrating the myriad of cultures, perspectives, and identities that enrich our communities. With a wide range of mediums, each artwork offers an experience that reflects our shared human experiences and aims to foster dialogue and understanding through compelling narratives. Dianne Foderaro’s “See Me” is a mixed-media portrait exploring the complexity of identity and self-perception. Ruben Hernandez’ “Love Your Neighbor” is an oil painting capturing a vibrant market scene emphasizing community, connection, and everyday joys. And Taylor Thomas’ “Happy Birthday (Stevie’s Version)” is a playful and colorful collage reimagining a childhood birthday celebration, layered with cultural and digital references. Each artwork not only showcases the unique vision of each artist, but also stands as a testament to the diverse experiences that enrich our community.

Please join the City for an evening to discuss the featured artwork and get to know the artists behind the original artworks on Friday, June 7 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the First Floor Gallery. Enjoy light refreshments and live music throughout the evening.

Exhibiting Artists: Barbara Tabachnick, Bruce Naiem, Chiho Harazaki, Dianne Foderaro, Doug Pearsall, Elizabeth Chislett, Elizabeth Hall, Faye Abharian, Guanyu Zhao, Habeba Mostafa, Jane Driscoll, Jennie E. Park, Karol Blumenthal, Katie McGuire, Kenny DeMartines, Larry Richardson, Lorena Uriostegui, Naomi Young, Rosa Villanueva, Ruben Hernandez, Shan Li, Smonica Lin, Susie Danielyan, Taylor Thomas, Valerie Gaerlan, Yvette Nicole Kolodji.

How to Purchase Artwork:

To purchase artwork, please contact the artist directly. Delivery will be arranged by the artist after the show ends on September 18, 2024.



Barbara Tabachnick, *A Salad of Cultures*, Encaustic monotype, 14" x 11" (\$350)



Bruce Naiem, *Longing*, Oil on canvas, 40" x 30" x 2.5" (NFS)



Bruce Naiem, *Woman in Blue Hejab*, Oil on canvas, 16" x 16" x 3" (NFS)



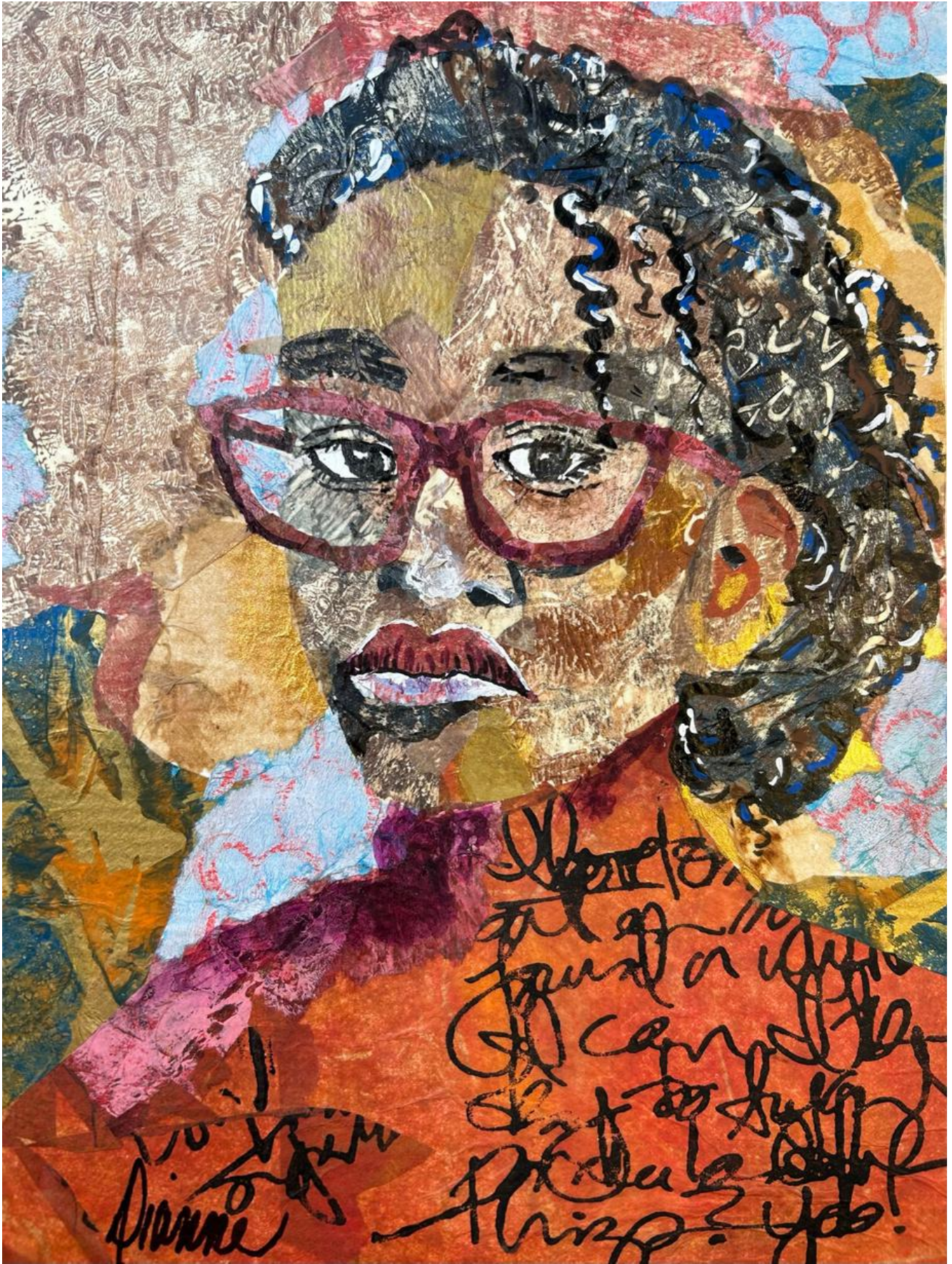
Chiho Harazaki, *Bamboo Forest*, Electrical tape on canvas, 16" x 20" (\$1,800)



Chiho Harazaki, *Mandala Frog*, Masking tape on canvas, 20" x 20" (\$1,200)



Chiho Harazaki, *Mandala Shellfish*, Masking tape on canvas, 20" x 20" (\$1,200)



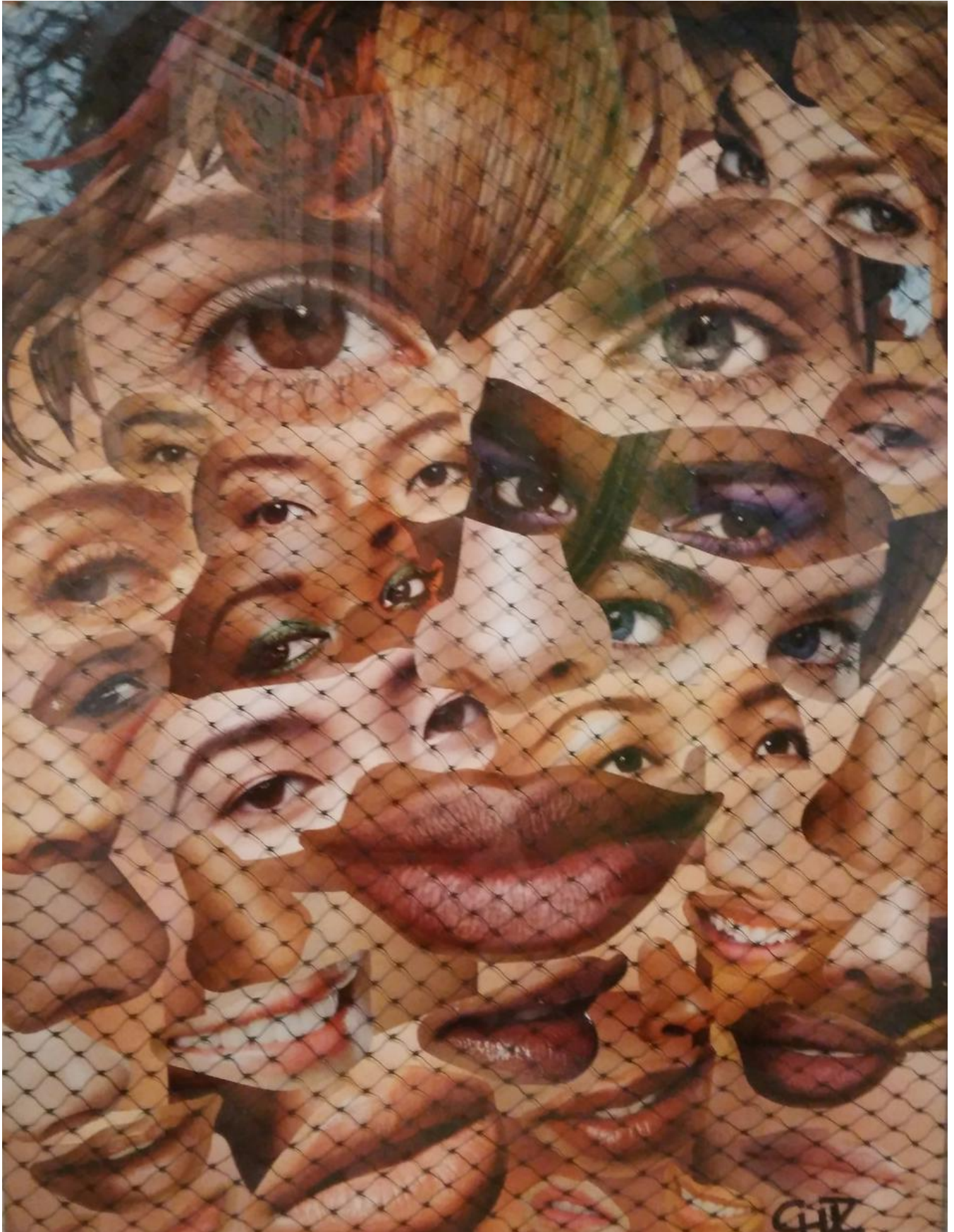
Dianne Foderaro, *See Me*, Collage with hand printed paper and acrylic paint, 16.5" x 14" x .75" (NFS)



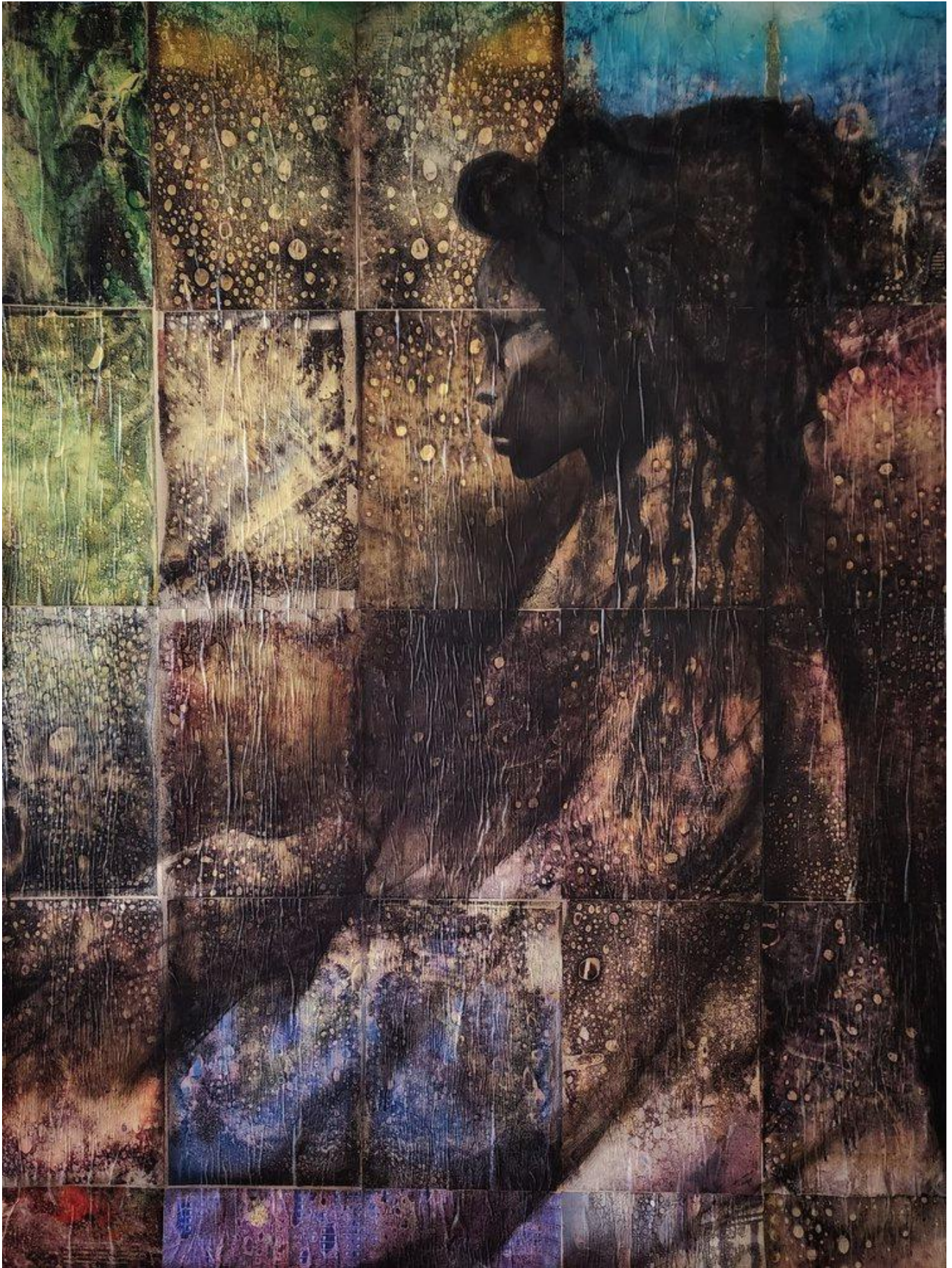
Doug Pearsall, *Cartouche Shrine*, Mixed media, 22" x 10" x 3" (\$300)



Faye Abharian, *Ghashghaie Custom, Iranian*, Acrylic, 14" x 11" (\$200)



Elizabeth Chislett, *Variety's the Very Spice of Life*, Magazine cut-outs, elastic netting, 20" x 16" x .75" (NFS)



Elizabeth Hall, *Crowned*, Mixed media on canvas, 42" x 32" x 1.5" (\$1,525)



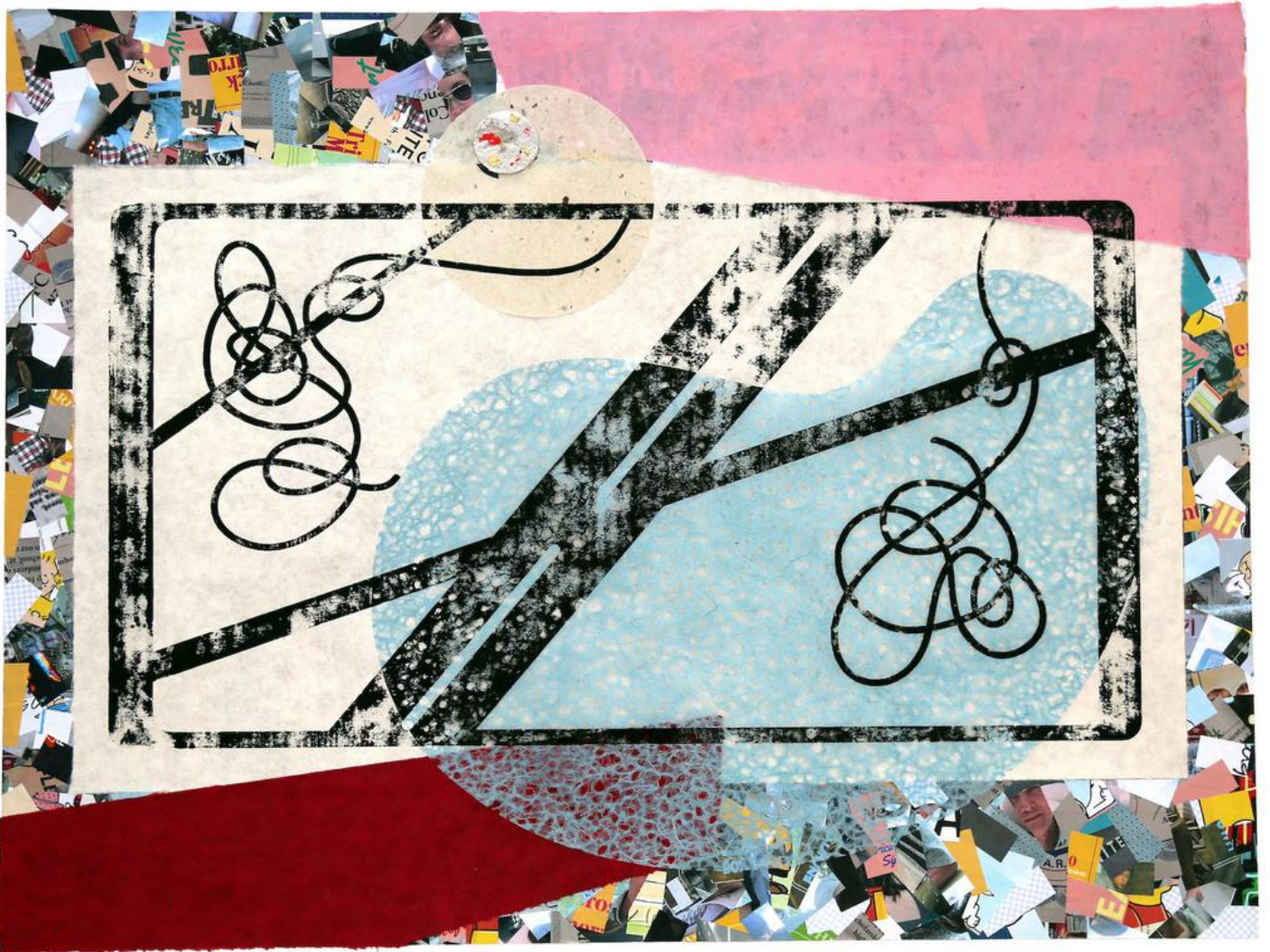
Guanyu Zhao, *Breakfast*, Photography, 24" x 36" (\$1,000)



Guanyu Zhao, *Closet*, Photography, 24" x 32" (\$800)



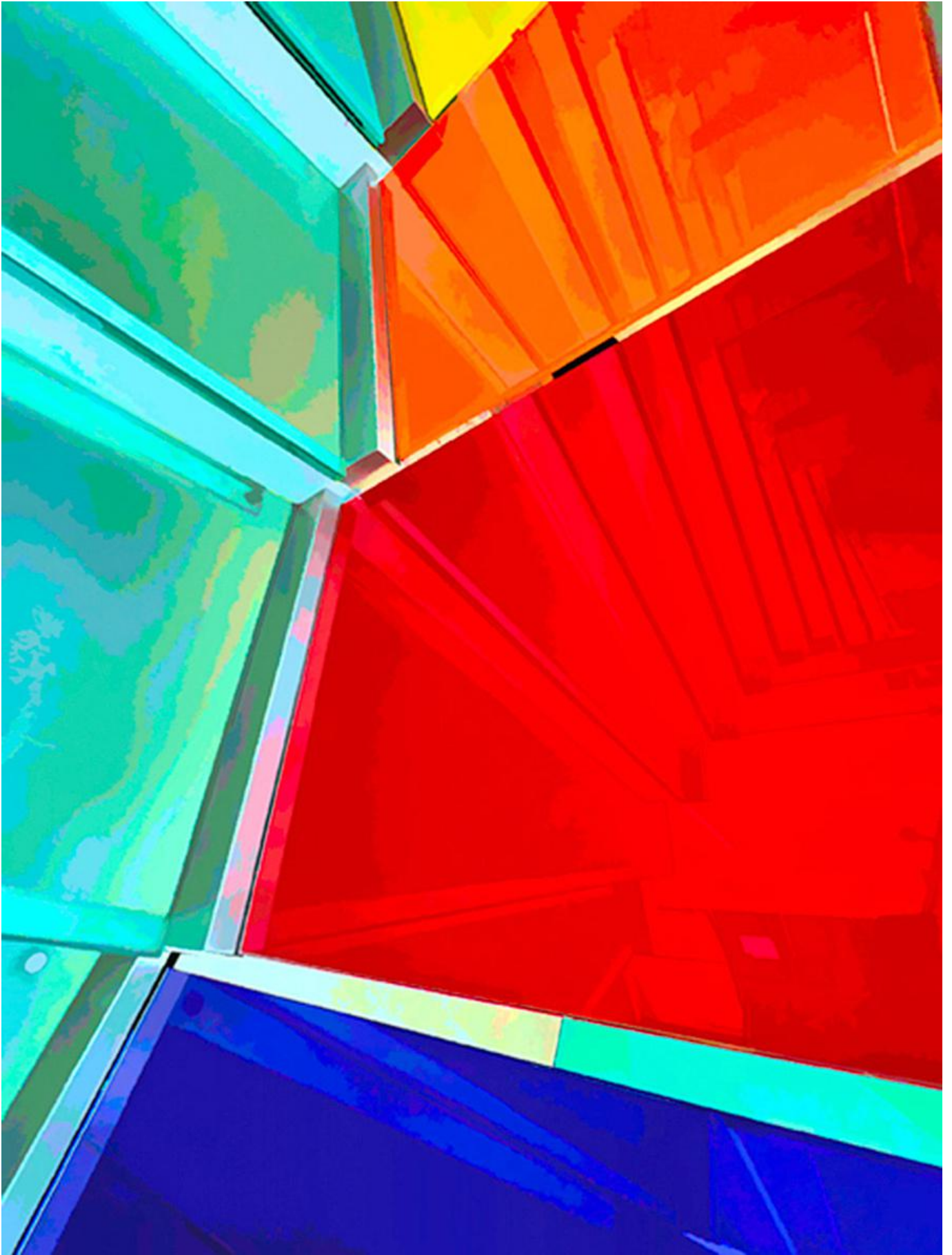
Habeba Mostafa, *The Symbol of Freedom: The Power of Hijab Wearing Women in America*, Photography on canvas, 20" x 16" x 1' (NFS)



Jennie E. Park, *Airy Diction I*, Plywood, relief ink (wood block print), paper, handmade paper, candy bar wrappers, glue, 36" x 48" (\$1,350)



Jane Driscoll, *Starman*, Acrylic on wood panel, 12" x 12" x 1" (\$200)



Karol Blumenthal, *Gay Pride Stairs Westfield Topanga*, Digital art, 22" x 18" (\$275)



Katie McGuire, *The High Priestess Tarot*, Spray Paint and Oil Paint on Wood Panel, 48" x 36" x 1" (NFS)



Larry Richardson, *Divine Provision*, Acrylic on canvas, 48" x 24" (\$1,200)



Kenny DeMartines, *Self Portrait with Flowers*,
Mixed media on BFK Rives paper, 22" x 16" (\$850)



Kenny DeMartines, *Self Portrait with Peach*,
Mixed media on BFK Rives paper, 22" x 16" (\$850)



Lorena Uriostegui, *Añoranza*, Oil on canvas, 24" x 18" x 1" (\$400)



Lorena Uriostegui, *Lora and the Dress Mu'u M'u*, Oil on canvas, 24" x 18" x 1" (\$400)



Lorena Uriostegui, *The Family Celebrating the Day of the Dead*,
Oil on canvas, 30" x 24" x 1" (\$600)



Rosa Villanueva, *Butterflies*, Acrylic on canvas, 27.5" x 21.5" x 1" (NFS)



Naomi Young, *A Sweet and Happy Year to You and Yours*,
Acrylic on canvas, 12" x 12" (\$336)



Naomi Young, *Sabbath of Peace*, Acrylic on canvas, 12" x 12" (\$336)



Ruben Hernandez, *La Soñadora (The Dreamer)*, Oil on canvas, 36" x 48" (\$19,500)



Ruben Hernandez, *Love Your Neighbor*, Oil on linen, 24" x 18" (\$11,250)



Shan Li, *Monotonous Diversity*,
 Printed on paper, 36" x 24" (\$300)



Susie Danielyan, *Music Making*,
Acrylic on canvas, 20" x 16" x .5" (\$65)



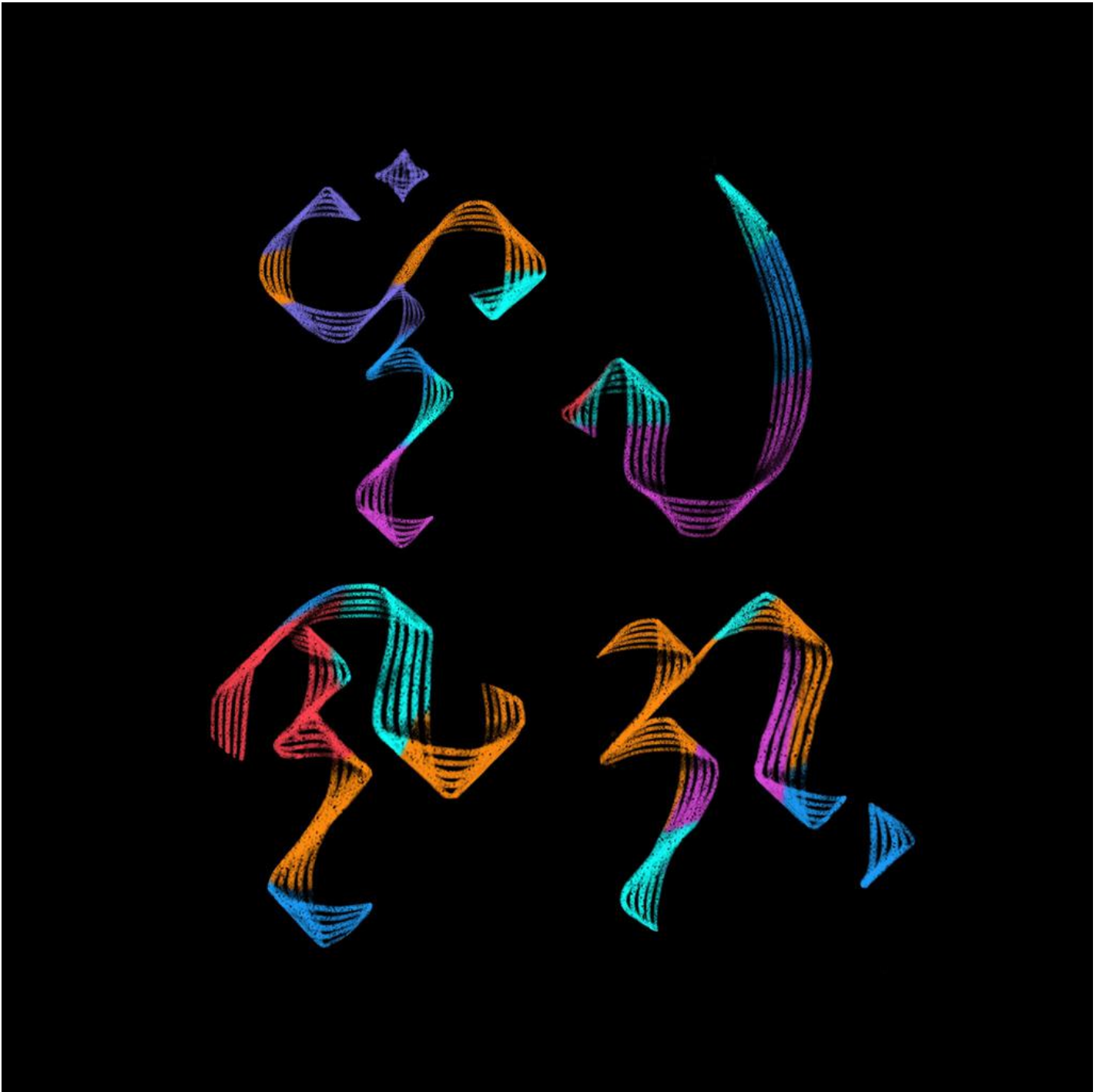
Smonica Lin, *Celebration of Intersectionality*,
Acrylics on canvas, wax, thread, cotton, 20" x 16" (\$850)



Smonica Lin, *Molecular Individuality*,
Acrylic on canvas, resin, sculpting medium, gloss, 20" x 16" (\$850)



Valerie Gaerlan, *Bumoto Ako*, Digital Drawing, 17" x 17" x 1", (\$200)



Valerie Gaerlan, *Liwanag*, Digital Drawing, 17" x 17" x 1", (\$200)



Taylor Thomas, *Happy Birthday (Stevie's Version)*,
Collage - canvas, photo paper, construction, 30" x 40" (\$4,000)



Yvette Nicole Kolodji, *Transfer of Wealth*,
Wood, wire, acrylic paint, 30" x 36" x 3.5" (\$600)

EXHIBITION LOCATIONS

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Jo Anne Darcy Library

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